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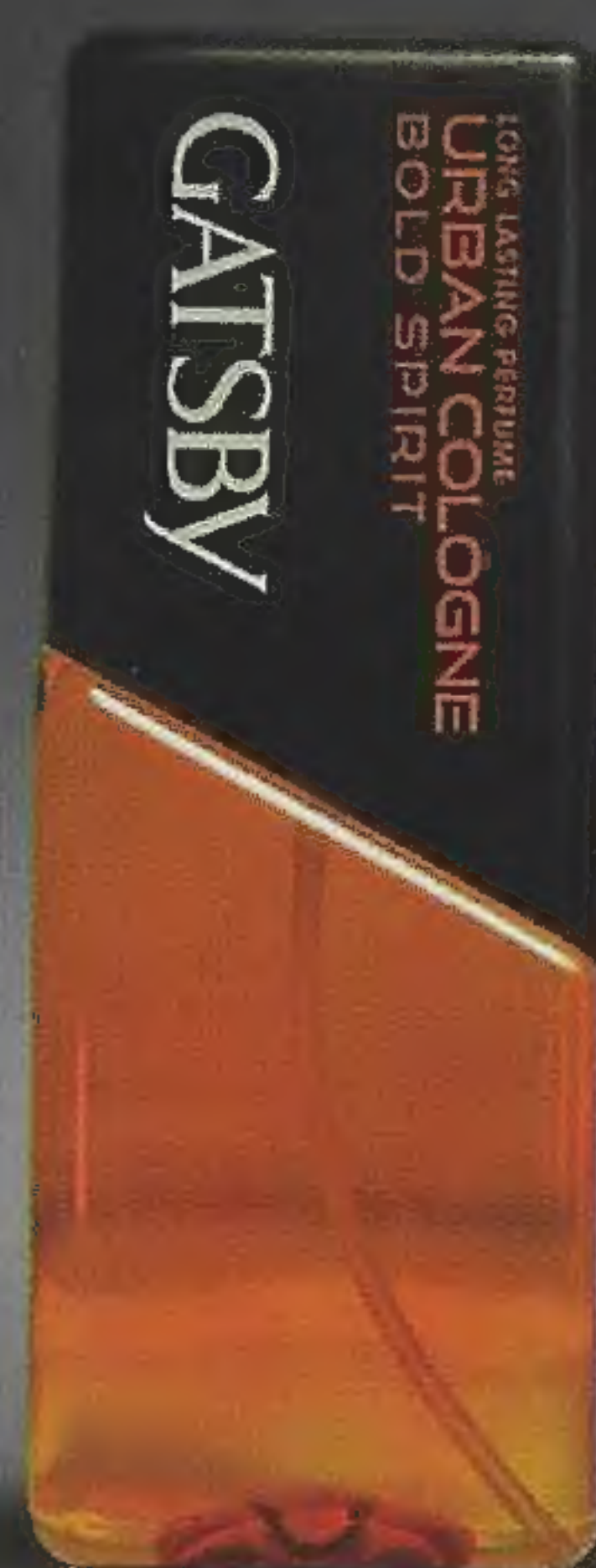
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E2046

Summer is actually such a fragile thing. There are only two months in a year for it and we can never have enough... but it's hot. So hot.

Otaku Asia is here for you. Wipe those sweat away and start watching the anime, reading the manga, playing the games and following our advice inside this issue!

We have money-saving tips (for those who are planning to spend for a figma or a costume), matsuri food ideas best for the summer and of course a double cover fetaure! On one side, we have Nanatasu no Taizai for the adventurous and Shigatsu wa Kimi no Uso for the quiet types.

We hope you enjoy your summer and feel refreshed!
-GM kanddy

CONTRIBUTORS QUESTION:

If you were given the talent, which musical instrument would you play and why?

Guitar. I wanted to try playing one because people look cool when they make riffs with it.
-Nathaniel Angeles

Drums, god. I can't get the four-way coordination right.
-Dhanliza Cellona

Bass guitar!! Drums in string~ I used to play basic beats but my sensei left the country and I never played since... I like how it sounds like background noise but it's actually the spine of the whole song. Bassists set the tone. Like a silent ruler and everyone else is my puppet. muhahaha!!
-Heloise Diamante

Does my voice count? If it doesn't, I guess I'll go for the piano. I feel that any song can be played with the piano.
-John Lim

Bass * _ * when i first saw a band playing on tv (SID <3), i fell in love with the sound of bass guitar T.T it's not the leader of the sound, but it appeals to me big time >o< i want to learn how to play it!!!
-Elaine Palaruan

Harmonica, because its Pocket Size lol
-Alexander Ramos

I always wanted to play the piano. I tried to learn but I had to stop for some reason. Hope I get to continue it soon. Hopefully, this year! *crosses fingers*
-Ann Flores

I'll choose the piano. I may not look it but I'm a fan of classical music and most of the pieces that I am fond of were composed by a pianist.
Mikelle Abubo

Violin because it makes me feel calm and relaxed whenever I hear it. My violin major classmates inspired me also.
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INBOX

Haisai,

I am Lucy Caseres-Lagamayo, a traditional artists from Cagayan de Oro.

I would like to share my fanart, Uzumaki Naruto on his bijuu + sennin mode.

Its a pleasure if this will be featured in your next issue.

Thank you for the opportunity. Ganbatte kudasai!

Lucy Lagamayo



Hello po otaku asia, sobra pong ganda nung halloween issue nyo. Keep up the good work.

Angelica Leyba



Hi OA! I've just learned your mag recently and I just love it I have now 3 mags and I'm looking forward for your next issues . Can I have a requests? Please feature "Shingeki no Kyojin" Please? Please?Please? and "EGOIST" for j-idol and "Fullmetal Alchemist:Brotherhood" or "D.Grayman" for the throwback..

Arigatoo Gozaimasu!!!! Keep up the good work and more power to all of you!

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Arata Seiyuu

Hello po sainyo! I just wanna share my fan art to you po. I hope you like it. This guy (shorty xD) is really special to me. Hello to all FMAB fans.. ^w^

Ronalyn Ocampo

I'm really a fan of anime and I thank you for producing such kind of this magazine..It really helps me a lot specially with my drawings..next time I will send one..

THANKS OA ^^ MORE Power

Jastine Suguitan



Got Requests? Fanmail to shoutout? Fanart to showoff? We would love to hear from you!

Hi Otaku Asia Magazine. Gusto ko lang po mag Share ng Drawing ko. Hahaha. Kabibili ko lang po ng new issue nyo. Ang gaganda po ng Magazine issues nyo. Hope to see this drawing to ur next issue. Godbless and More power to ur Mag.

Zander Samson

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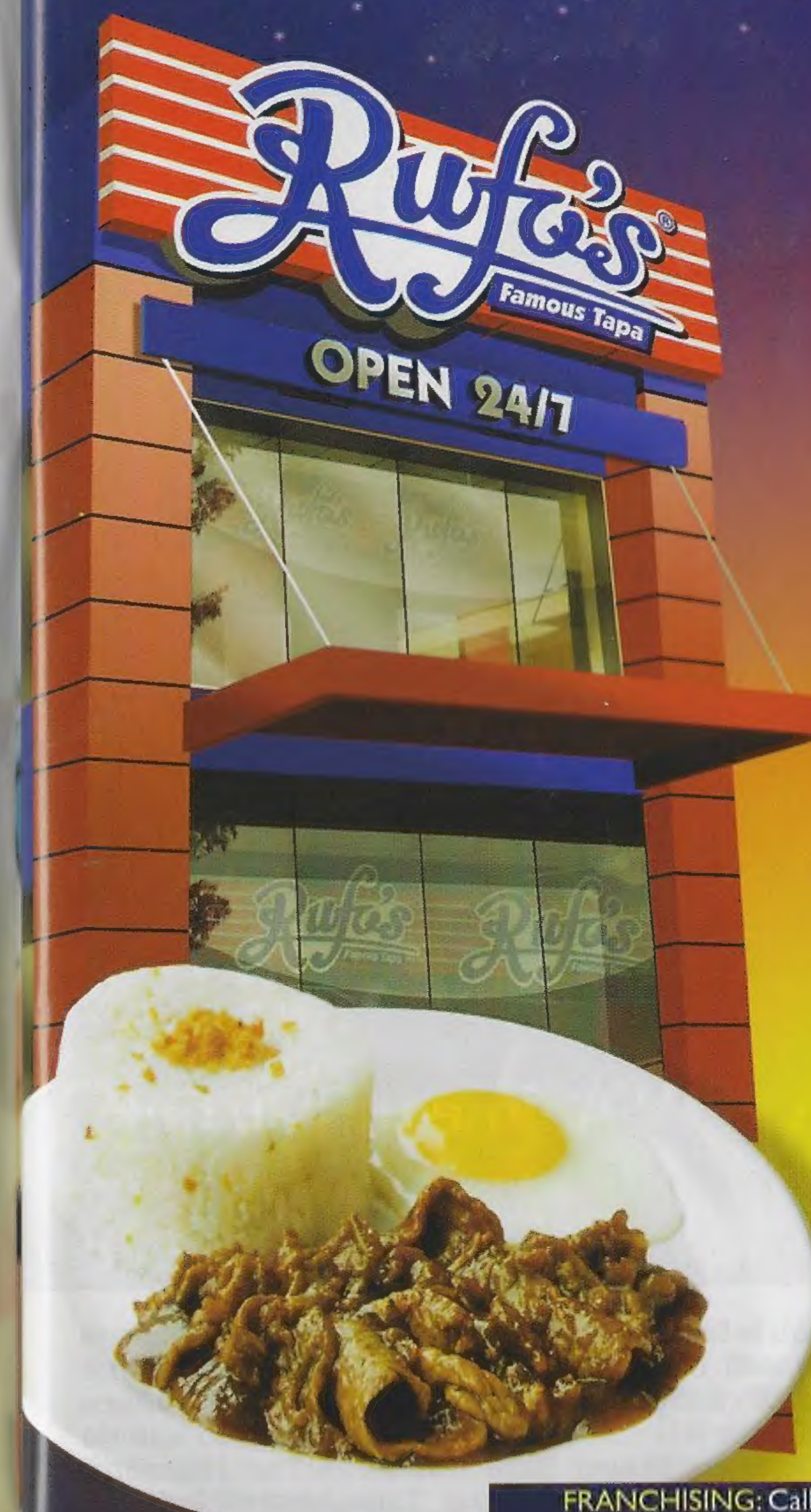
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Dance with Devils

gets TV Anime this 2015!



Are you a fan of an otome game? Have you wished that it will become a movie or perhaps an anime series? Well if yes then your wish came true! Dance with Devils will have an anime series which will be produced by Brains Base this 2015! The character designs were made by Yuka Takashina which was adapted from Maeda Hirotaka's work while the music will be produced by DIVE||entertainment.

Male characters and their respective seiyuu:

Rem Kaginuki : Soma Saito
Rind Tachibana: Wataru Hatano
Urie Sogami: Takashi Kondo
Meiji Nanashiro: Subaru Kimura
Shiki Natsumezaka: Daisuke Hirakawa

The character's information will be updated every Wednesday starting February 18. The first one will be Rem Kaginuki. You can view the promotional video of the anime here :

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6B30gzTXxU>.



to be released this 2015!

It has been 20 years since the first release of Tekken. It started from 18 characters and 3 of them have appeared in all of Tekken installments. They are: Heihachi Mishima, Paul Phoenix and Nina Williams. This 2015, Tekken releases its 10th installment entitled: Tekken 7.

Tekken is all about the events that happened during the King of Iron Fist Tournament which was hosted by Mishima Zaibatsu corporation. The winner of tournament will be able to take control of the company thus, making the winner to host the following tournament.

New playable characters has also been announced. They are Claudio Serafino, Katarina Alves, Lucky Chloe and Shaheen. Kazumi Mishima, the mother of Kazuya will be in Tekken 7 also. Since Tekken 6 became a hit game here in the Philippines, Tekken 7 will surely be another hit game. Gamers will surely wait for its release on arcade places.



Itadakimasu!

A Dictionary of Japanese Food, Ingredients and Culture

review by Ren

Richard Hosking
Tuttle Publishing

From numerous media from Japan we have today such as anime, movies and shows, we we became exposed to their culture and this leads to people being curious and in love with their culture itself. One part of their culture that we mostly likely to be in love with is their food and from the shows we see, they make us crave for more. Though what cuisine we see on these media can be limited because Japanese cuisine has more food to offer. With this book, we get to know what more are in store for us to see in the Japanese cuisine.

A Dictionary of Japanese Food, Ingredients and Culture is written by Richard Hosking and published by Tuttle Publishing. Richard Hosking is a professor in Hiroshima Shudo University and lived in Japan for 25 years, making the contents of this book not only about definitions of terms but also including his opinions about the different food and related that are presented. The book is filled with not only with food but also the sources of these dishes and some parts of the Japanese culture with food involved, such as Tea ceremonies. There are pages that has illustrations included to help the reader see and imagine what and how some of the ingredients, food or culture look like.

Like what Saveur Magazine said about this book, A Dictionary of Japanese Food, Ingredients and Culture is a must have for anyone who is interested in the cuisine of Japan. With additional tidbits to add on your knowledge on Japanese culture, this book is really something worth to get your hands on.

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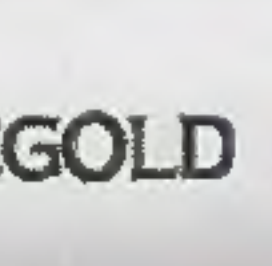
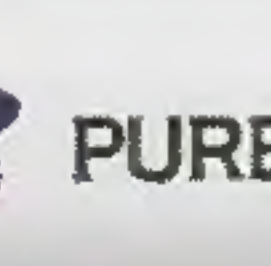
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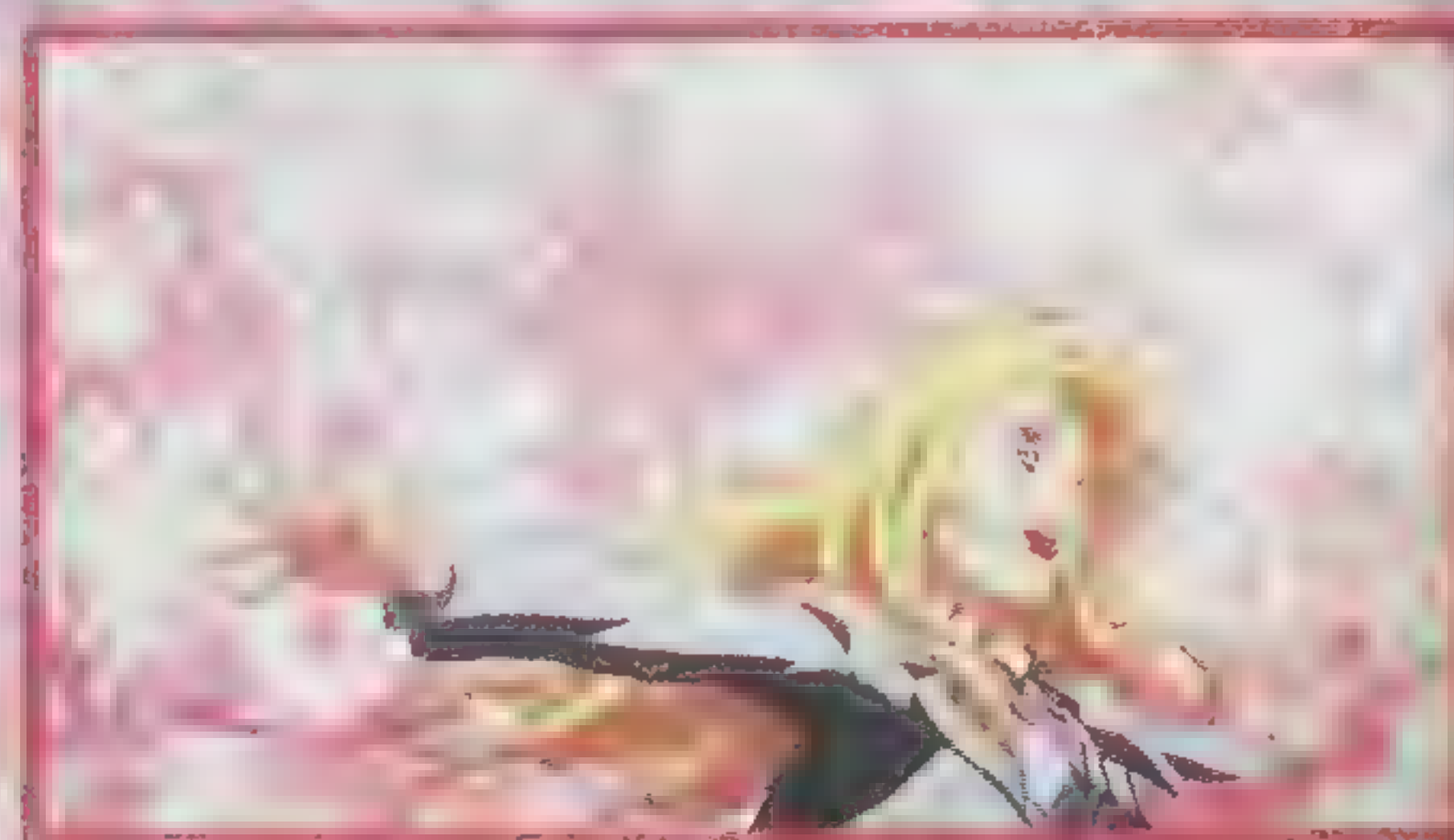
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FESTIVAL or FIESTA

Festivities strongly reflect the culture of a nation, and it is with pride that countries like the Philippines and Japan celebrate these festivities with as much enthusiasm as if times and people don't change. While they might have similarities, the Philippine Fiesta and the Japanese Matsuri are different in many ways.

SIMILARITIES

- both are celebrated with religion as the main reason
- both are done to thank the gods for bountiful harvest
- both feature festivals that are mostly done during summer
- both have festivals for flowers such as the Panagbenga Festival in Baguio and the Japan's nationwide Sakura or Cherry Blossoms Festival
- both have streets filled with colorful decors
- both include dancing and a lot of lively music as seen in Ati-Atihan Festival in Kalibo, Aklan and in Awa Odori of the Tokushima Prefecture
- both feature a wide array of food and drinks
- both have a procession of floats such as in Gigantes Festival in Angono, Rizal and the portable shrines in Kanda Matsuri in Tokyo
- both offer games to the people for entertainment such as Palo Sebo for the fiesta and the sumo wrestling and archery in festivals in Japan
- both have beliefs associated with the traditional acts during the festival such as the dancing of a childless couple at Obando, Bulacan to be granted children, while the doll festival or hina-matsuri features girls in kimono visiting their friends' houses to ward off evil spirits
- both require the cooperation of the community, thereby uniting the people in celebration



DIFFERENCES

- | | |
|--|--|
| - honors patron saints and events in the life of Jesus of the Roman Catholic faith | - honors the kami of a particular shrine or temple of Shintoism and Buddhism |
| - celebration is the representation of the worship rather than separating the two | - has two parts: solemn worship and the celebration |
| - focused on entertainment | - includes offering to the worshipped god |
| - every home is open for people to eat at but the festivities are mainly done on the streets | - people are concentrated on the streets where booths can be found |
| - the main person busy preparing for the fiesta is the hermana mayor | - the main people at work are the priests |

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MATSURI FOOD!!

But for me, the most important part of a matsuri, is the food. It's unhealthy, a little trashy, and about as far as possible from the food most people associate with Japan. Here's a guide to some matsuri favorites both old and new:



TAKOYAKI

Takoyaki is a grilled liquid paste of wheat flour with boiled octopus. It is cooked using a special pan with molds like little balls. The little balls are then topped with okonomiyaki sauce, mayonnaise and katsuoboshi (fish shavings).

YAKISOBA

While it may have soba in the name, this dish doesn't use buckwheat noodles. Yakisoba is made with Chinese style ramen noodles, which are fried on a griddle with vegetables and meat and seasoned with chunou sauce.



YAKITORI

Yakitori is essentially various kinds of grilled chicken parts on a skewer which includes thighs, skin, liver, etc. prepared with leeks. Usually seasoned with soy sauce or salt and is delicious with hot sake or Japanese rice wine.

WATAAME

Just like it is here in the Philippines, cotton candy is a matsuri staple. In Japan, these edible clouds are inside colorful bags.



OKONOMIYAKI

Okonomiyaki are savory Japanese pancakes that were traditionally cooked to use up left overs in the refrigerator. Thanks to this tradition ingredients are flexible. The most popular ingredients are pork, seafood and cheese.



DIPPED BANANA

The most common is chocolate but in Japan, anything goes! Mint, melon or whatever as long as it's sweet!



CANDIES

Speaking of sweets, nothing beats candied fruits (apple, strawberry and plum) and guess what, candied candies! Candied candies are candies on a stick (such as lollipop or skewered marshmallows) and dipped in a bowl of sugar water! You'll have to brush your teeth thoroughly.



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4/5 Paint - The colors matched correctly with the anime version.

5/5 Packaging - This comes in four parts that is secured within the box that will surely secure the safety of the item.

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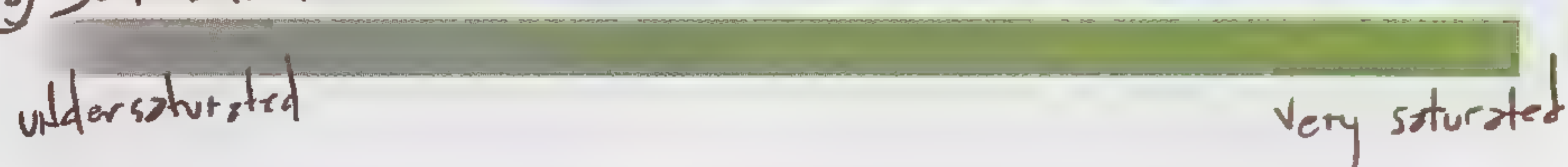
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 BUT!! I'll take time
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 (gongol 6th year)
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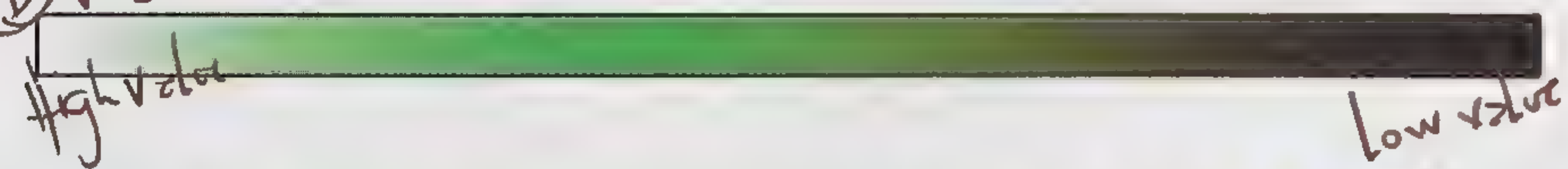
1. TERMS AND CONDITIONS. LOL jk. just terms.

Here I get you familiarized with the terms I'll be using for the whole tutorial. You may have heard of these before. I'll try to define them as simple as possible.

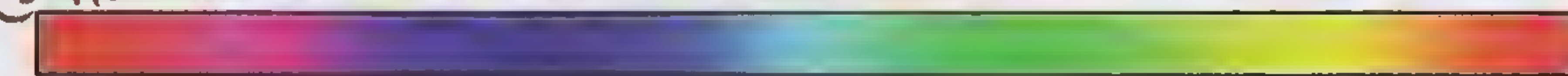
a) Saturation



b) Value



c) Hue hue hue hue hue! huehuehue (with a small drawing of a face)



d. Tint

any color + white
 I don't really use this much because it's mostly a painting term and what we're talking about here is digital painting.

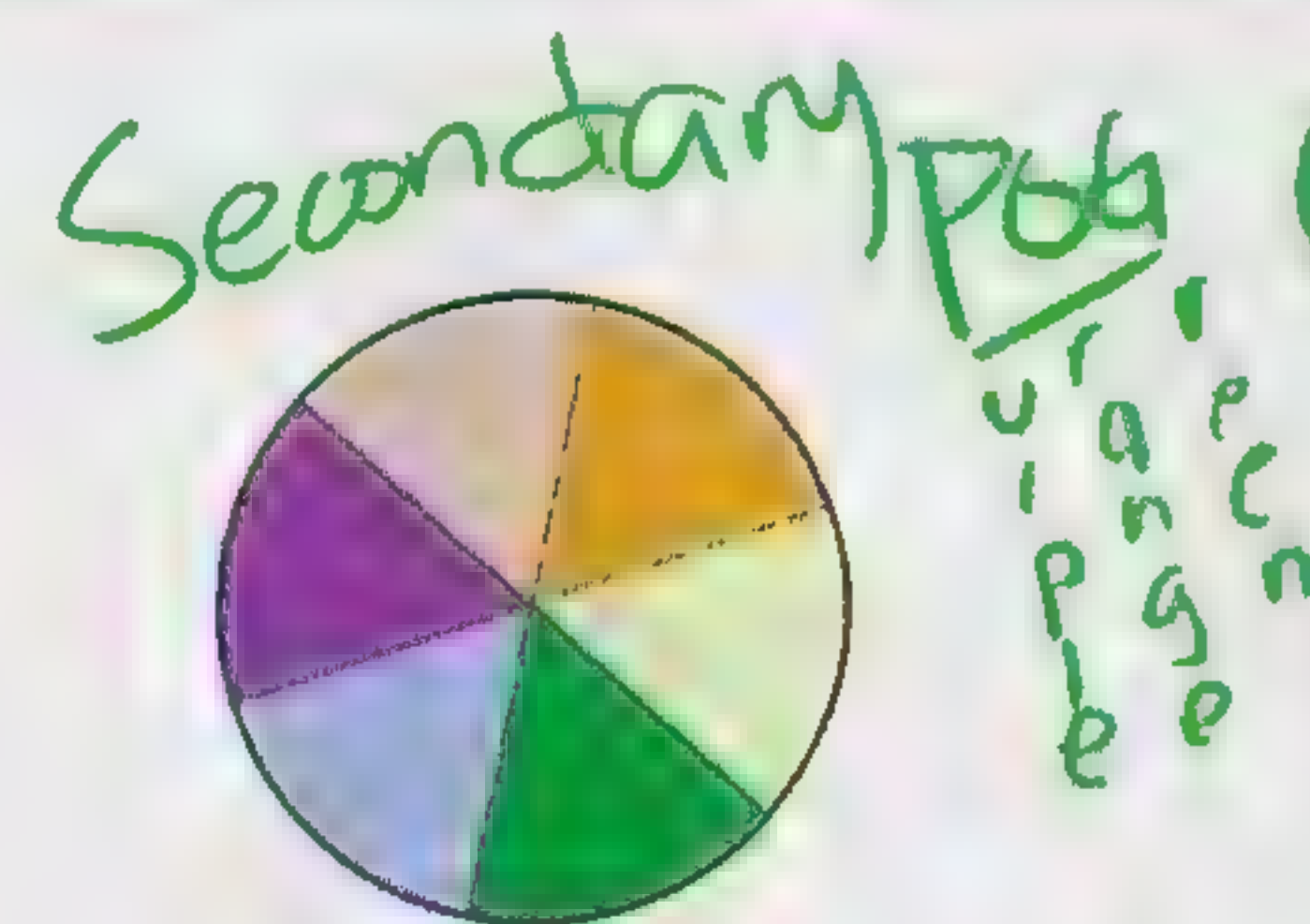
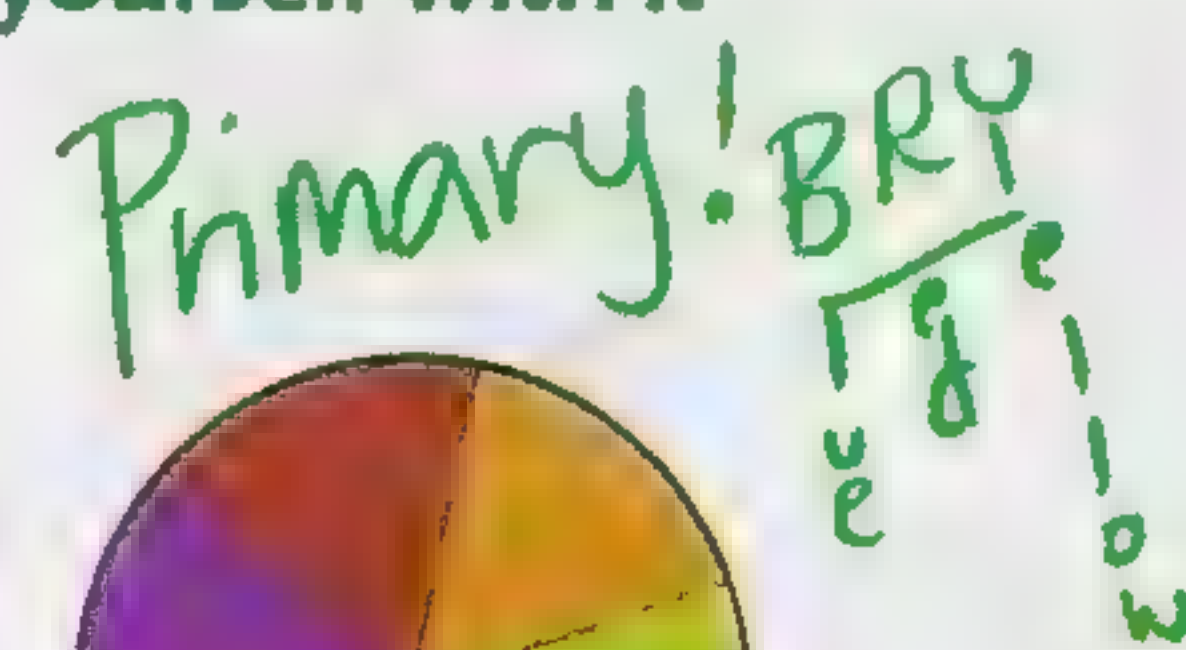
e. Shade

any color + black
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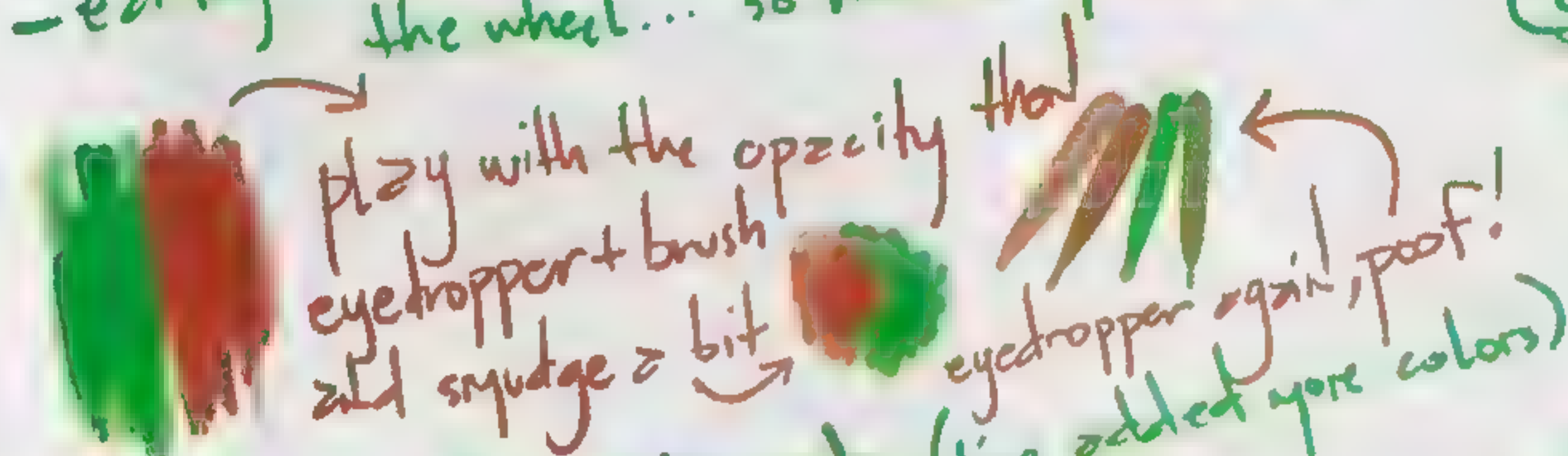


2. COLOR WHEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!!!

i don't want to be the one to say "memorize the color wheel". i want you to understand that it will be better if you can see the wheel in your head. familiarize yourself with it



b) Neutral colors
 - earthy colors that DON'T usually show up on the wheel... so how to make them?



c) monochromatic



d) Other RELATIONS (i've added more colors)
 back to the color wheel ~ here are other ways that colors may AGREE with each other:

d.1 ANALOGOUS
 colors that are BESIDE each other

d.2 TRIAD
 colors that form a triangle

d.3 WARM & COLD colors

COLD colors { } WARM colors
 that is not EVERYTHING but it will do for now (w)



3 WEB SAFE COLORS

Once upon a time, the computer monitor could only display 8-bit color (256 colors all in all), that is NOT ENOUGH.

In digital art, we have to be careful. If we wish to print our art, we have to use CMYK setting and if we want to share our art online, you may choose to check the "Only Web Colors on the color picker



4 COLOR PALETTES!~!~

Back to basics. When we were young we had crayons with 8 to 24 colors and we would color a whole drawing using ALL THE COLORS. Now as an artist, you have to understand that less is more and color harmony is important. Even if you want to be an artist who can use all the colors and still have a piece that doesn't look like a rainbow vomit, YOU STILL HAVE TO KNOW ABOUT HAR.MO.NY.

let's start!

① LIMIT it rather than using All your available colors, use only **SOME**

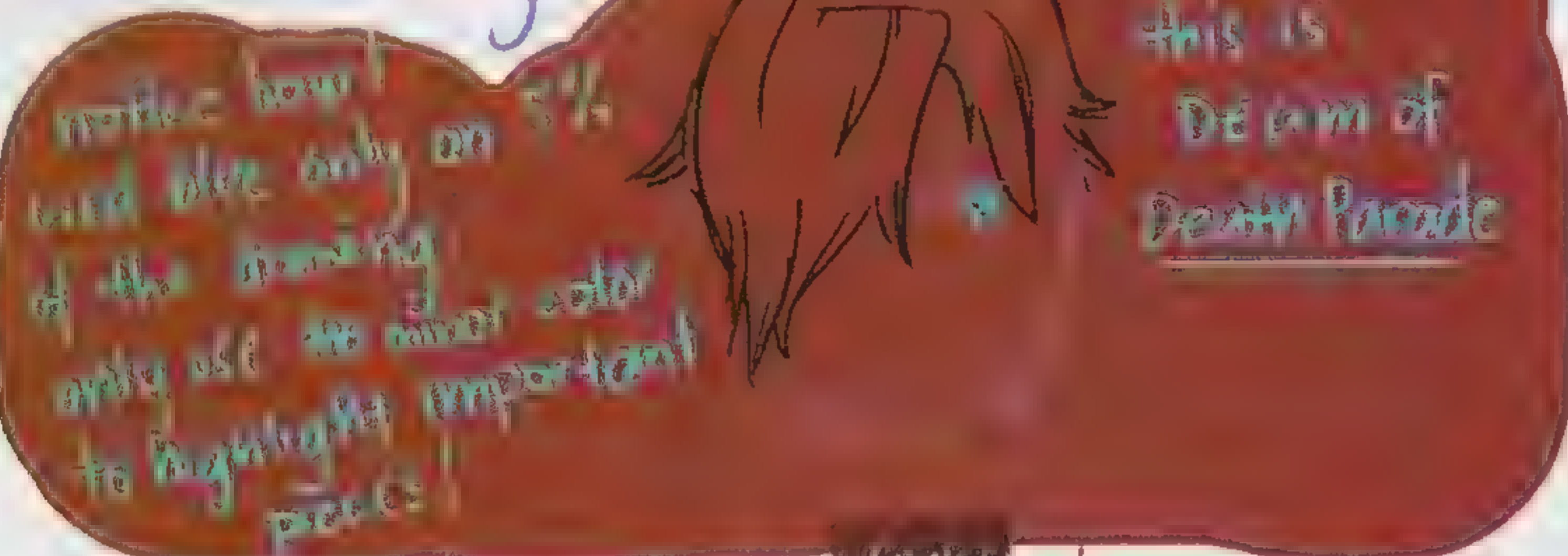
② **WARM & COOL** **LIGHT & DARK**

Lets do this with this box
here I've picked red as my warm color and blue as cool then played with the light & dark. after doing this pick the two colors **ACROSS** from each other. so the pairs are



③ Like this one now, pick a **dominant** color. like so.

④ **EXPAND** the dominant color eyedropper the main color then pick from the saturations! do this with the other color but less one or two is enough



5. COLOR HARMONY / BALANCE

Because sometimes we don't want to choose colors on a wheel or a 2x2 square. Say, we want our character to have blonde hair, pink clothes, green eyes.

I took this palette off the internet as example. I tried.

you have to turn **THIS** to **THAT** let's go! so why is this one better? It now has something in common. it's united.

take your colors, choose a color, put your brush on 40% opacity, brush over your colors



It's better to experiment with the opacity & the colors. I like how this turned out so we'll work with this now. **GREAT!**



① make a 3x3 square
② Put your colors on top & on the left
③ Set your paint bucket tool to 70% opacity then distribute it downwards
④ change the opacity to 30% then distribute it to the right

DAYUM! a palette that works! Now use what you learned from page 24!



Phew!!! was that a lot? I was not alone in this tutorial, this is from what I learned from various people: teachers, friends and online tutorials. Learn anywhere! Read books, ask friends, go online, watch videos, go to workshops. It'll all come very useful in the long run. I only hope that what I taught you today will help you in becoming what you want to be! Good luck! [kanddy]



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ELIE AI

Great cosplays coming from a cute lady~

ELIE AI perfectly pulls off every character she dresses up as!

Might it be a little girl or a fierce fighter, this lovely cosplayer is a total eye-candy.

Let's get to know how she plays her game!

OA: How did your love for cosplay all started?

E: My love for cosplay started with the simple feeling of admiration that I had towards certain anime character. This triggered the desire to immitate them in every way possible.

OA: How far back can you trace your first time cosplaying?

E: I started cosplaying 4 years ago, sadly I stopped for 2 years (I had my priorities in life mixed up).

OA: To you, what are the most important criteria when choosing a character?

E: The most important factor that I consider when selecting a character to cosplay is how much I adore the character itself. Whether it fits me comes second.

OA: Who is your favorite character that you cosplayed so far?

E: Erio Towa!



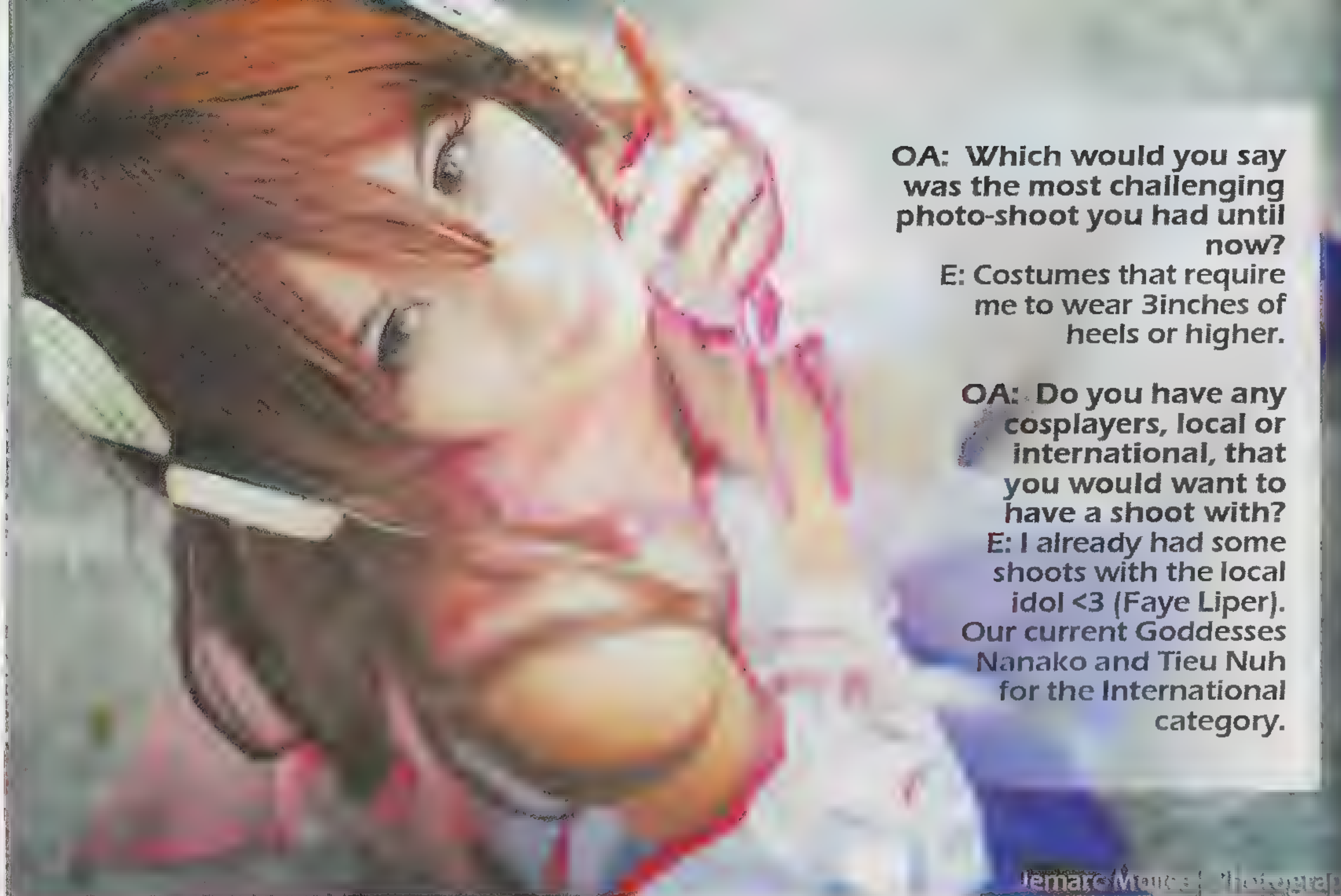
OA: What are the most common challenges you face when you're making your costume?

E: The most challenging part in sewing costumes are costumes that defy gravity. Sometimes a costume design doesn't really make sense in real life. I recently started learning to sew and create cosplay props. Special thanks to my darling seamstress Irma Espinosa who is also now currently my sewing teacher.

OA: Which do you prefer most? Attending conventions or having a private photoshoot?

E: Attending conventions for bonding with friends and private shoots for a better and more comfortable vibe.





OA: Which would you say was the most challenging photo-shoot you had until now?

E: Costumes that require me to wear 3 inches of heels or higher.

OA: Do you have any cosplayers, local or international, that you would want to have a shoot with?

E: I already had some shoots with the local idol <3 (Faye Liper). Our current Goddesses Nanako and Tieu Nuh for the International category.

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OA: Cosplaying has a lot of ups and downs. So far, What has been the most rewarding experience in cosplay for you?

E: Learning useful stuff like make up, post processing, sewing and a lot more.

OA: Did you ever had an awkward or embarrassing moment while cosplaying?

E: 3 pairs of shoes gave up on me during 3 shoots...

OA: What is your opinion about cosplay competitions? Do you ever take part in such contests?

E: It's entertaining to watch people catwalk on stage while trying to immitate the character they are cosplaying as best as they can. Sometimes it makes me feel that the character being portrayed is right in front of me.

OA: What are your other hobbies besides cosplaying? What can you tell us about the yourself outside cosplay?

E: Dancing, Singing and Digital Art drawing. A jack of all trades master of none! hahaha

OA: With a number of cosplays you done within the previous years, how did you manage so many costumes and photo-shoots every year? How do you find a balance between cosplay and your everyday life?

E: I had 30 costumes last 2014. It was so much more than I expected. Cosplaying, creating cosplay crafts and shoots are some of my ways to unwind when life gets hard.

OA: Is there a certain character that you've been dreaming of cosplaying, but you consider it too difficult to accomplish?

E: The mecha version of Shiro from the NGNL light novel.

OA: Throughout all your experiences as a cosplayer, what are the most important things that you've learned?

E: I've learned that it's such a waste when people devote their lives in trying to please everyone around them. Don't be afraid to show people who you really are. People will love you for who you are, otherwise you don't need them in your life.

OA: How has cosplay changed you and made Elie what she is today?

E: Cosplay gave me a huge boost in self confidence.

OA: Cosplay is—?

E: Is a performance art in which participants called cosplayers wear costumes and fashion accessories to represent a specific character or idea. - thank you wiki :))

OA: A message to all aspiring cosplayers in our community:

E: I hope you all gain some wonderful experiences and life lesson as you venture in this new hobby!





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Personal facts:

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 Birthday: September 3, 1985
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 Hobbies: culinary, photography, playing RPG's
 Best seiyuu buddy: Nobuhiko Okamoto
 Favorite Anime: AnoHana
 Favorite Video game: Chrono Trigger

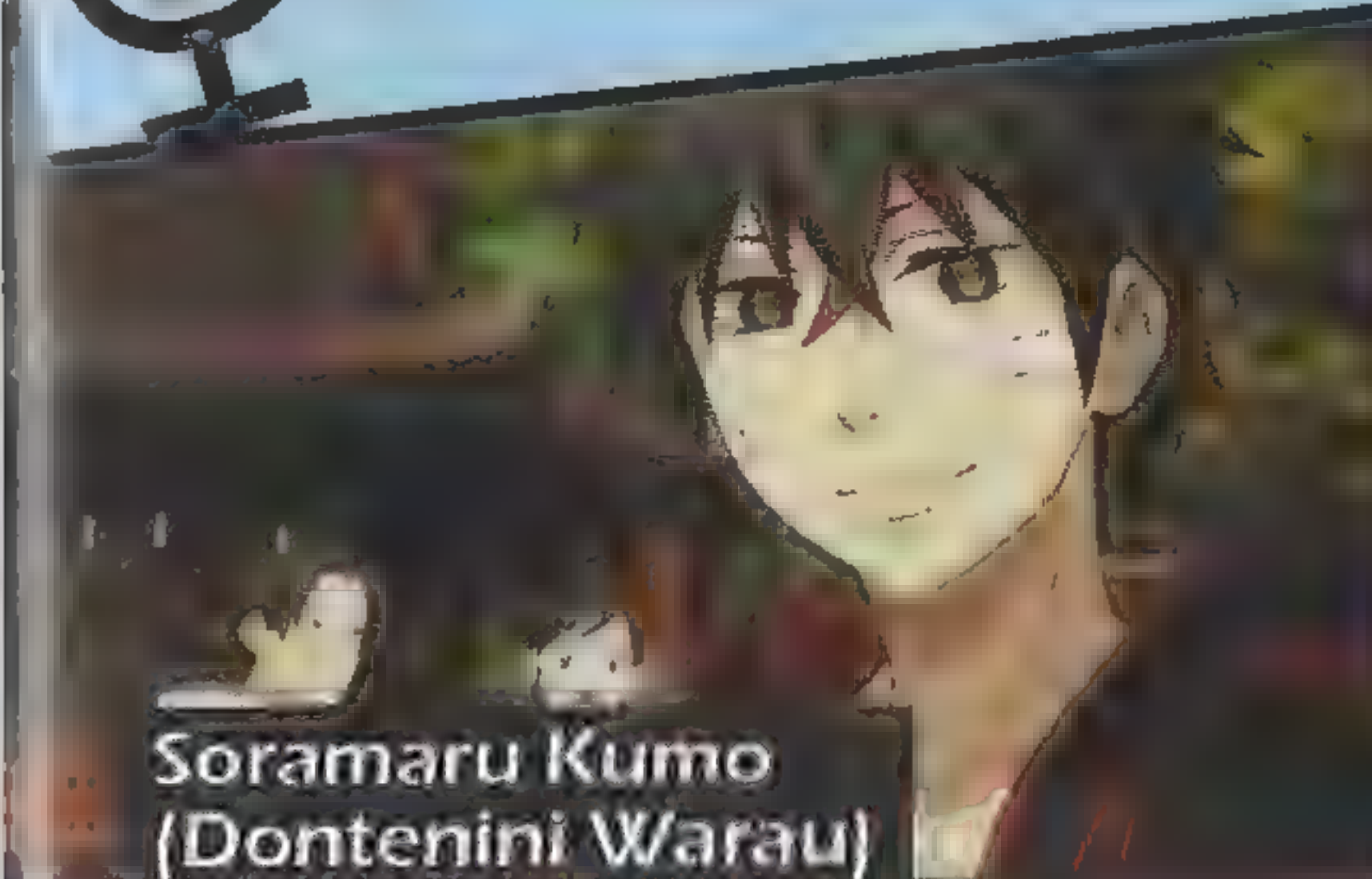
Yuuki Kaji

Known as the baby-faced seiyuu in the voice acting industry, Yuuki Kaji will definitely be mistaken as a 20-year-old because of his chubby cheeks and thin pouty lips. No one would have thought this voice actor will be turning 30 years old this 2015. True enough, most of the roles he gets are young, hot-headed and not to mention, stressed out protagonists! Yuuki Kaji's first role is credited to **Ouran High School Host Club** where he played as **Chikage Ukyo** on ep. 14. But it was in the video game **Final Fantasy XIII** that he got his big break when he lent his voice to **Hope Estheim**.

Recent awards won:

7th Seiyuu Awards as Best Actor, 2013
 36th Anime Grand Prix Awards as Best Voice Actor, 2014
 8th Seiyuu Awards as Best Actor, 2014

Roles in selected anime in no particular order:



Soramaru Kumo
(Dontenini Warau)



Yūkine
(Noragami)



Eren Jaeger
(Shingeki no Kyojin)



Ayato Kirishima (Tokyo Ghoul)



AoHaru Ride as **Kou Mabuchi**; Nisekoi as **Shuu Maiko**; Magi: The Labyrinth of Magic as **Alibaba Saluja**; Haikyuu!! as **Kozume Kenma**; Durarara!! X2 as **Yumasaki Walker**

The voice of a protagonist

What should an ardent protagonist's voice sound like? Most protagonists in hard-hitting anime have a strong view toward something. They fight for what they believe is right and is full of passion. Kaji's original speaking voice can be best described as loud but calm, as ironic as it sounds. This balance significantly affects the voice he projects. His voice has a certain edge to it, despite being a little high-pitched, especially when the character he voices is serious at a particular moment. Thus, it seems effortless of him to switch to different types of voice and voice range, but carrying the same trademark.

Remarkable role: The fuming teenager

There are times when we think a voice does not suit an anime character. A voice may come off as a little unexpected when an anime character's personality does not just seem to "click" with it. This case cannot be applied to Kaji Yuuki as Eren Jaeger from Shingeki no Kyojin, perhaps his most remarkable role as of late. Kaji is able to portray Eren perfectly with his bursting voice.

Kaji was able to give life to Eren's characteristics, and one of it being the obvious fact that the Titan Shifter is one of the underdog protagonists in the anime universe.

Kaji Yuuki is indeed one of the most celebrated voice actors of this generation; the awards and number of projects he receives says it all. "Does he even age?" may perhaps be included in the things they anticipate from Kaji, but the voice he generously lends to the anime characters is all the more worthy of wait.

SAAMURAI 7

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A Harmonious War of Symphony

by: Ann

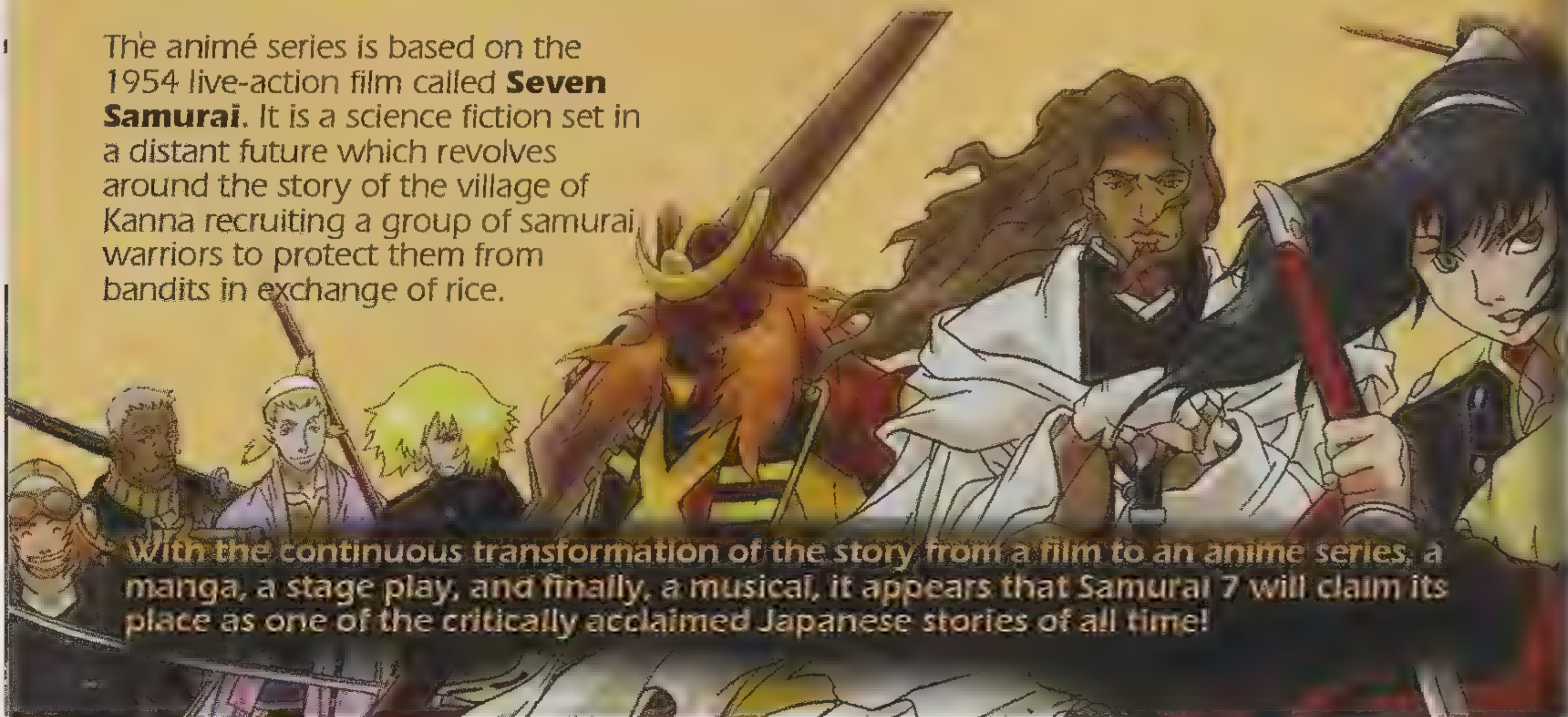
The village of Kanna is threatened by bandits, and who're they gonna call? Samurais!

Nelke Planning has been busy with their stage play adaptations of different animé series this year. Along their list of scheduled stage plays was a musical adaptation of the animé **Samurai 7** based on **Akira Kurosawa's** film, which graced the audience last January at the Galaxy Theatre in Shinigawa, Tokyo.

The animé that ran in 2004 and had previously been staged as a play in 2008 appeared as a musical after its success as such in 2010 and 2012. The cast includes **Tetsuya Bessho**, famous for his role in Ultraman; **Hiroshi Yazaki** from Heroic Age; **Yuta Furukawa** from Kamen Rider Cho Den-O Trilogy; **Naoto Nojima**; **Takashi Nagayama** of the live-action film and musical of The Prince of Tennis; **Hirotsugu Kurosu**; **Kenya Osumi**; **Mari Iriki**; **Masakatsu Nemoto**; **Hidekazu Ichinose**; and **Masahiro Suguzaki**. Aside from a powerhouse cast, the musical was also directed and choreographed by the man behind the Prince of Tennis musicals, **Yukio Ueshima**. Meanwhile, **Toshihiko Sahashi** filled the stage with great music as he had done in the series Full Metal Panic! and Mobile Suit Gundam Seed.

The animé series is based on the 1954 live-action film called **Seven Samurai**. It is a science fiction set in a distant future which revolves around the story of the village of Kanna recruiting a group of samurai warriors to protect them from bandits in exchange of rice.

With the continuous transformation of the story from a film to an anime series, a manga, a stage play, and finally, a musical, it appears that Samurai 7 will claim its place as one of the critically acclaimed Japanese stories of all time!



Jump and Smash

The Prince of Tennis 3

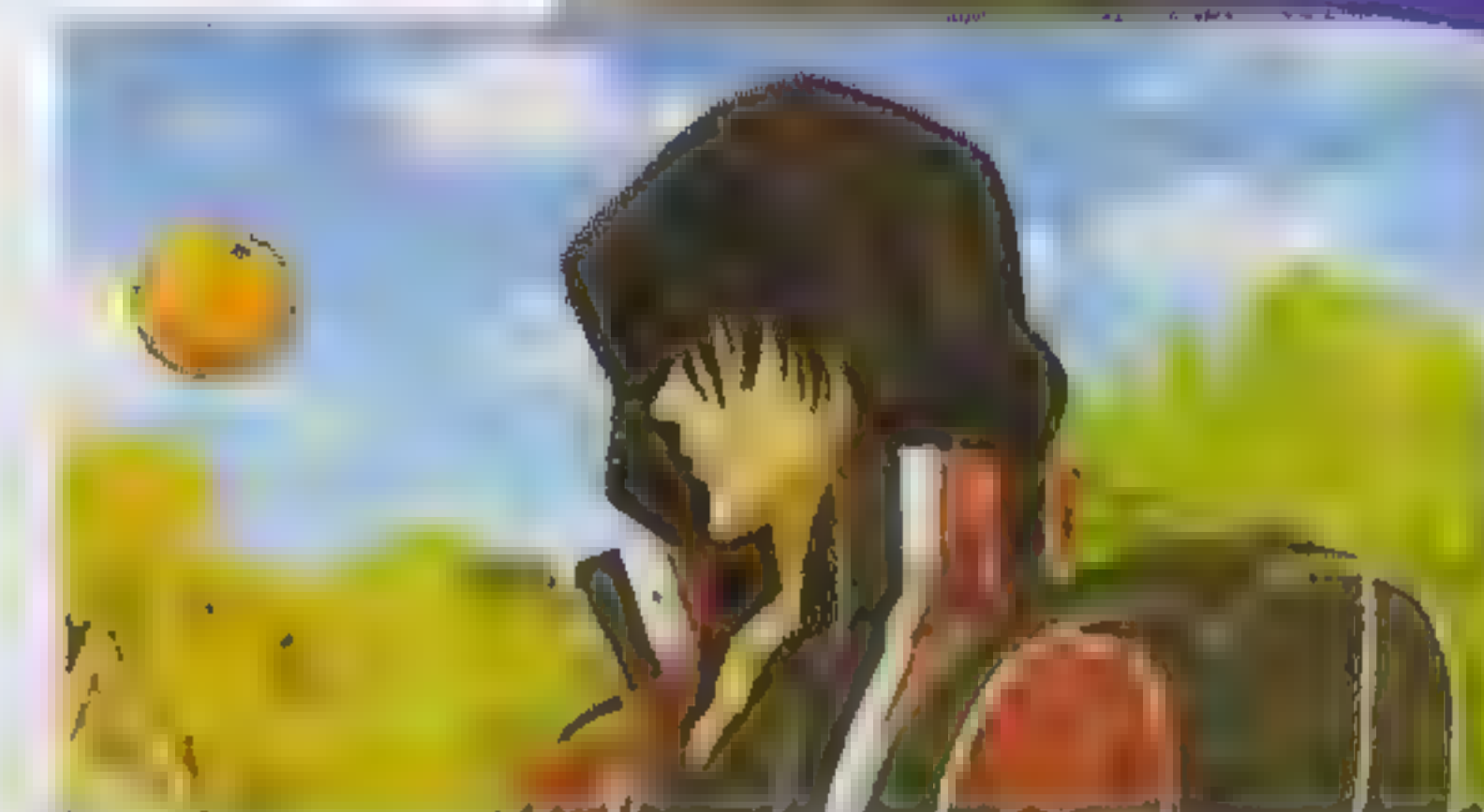
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A jump can make you feel as if you are soaring among the clouds, and it is with a swift jump that Ryoma Echizen soars among the Japanese U-17 (under 17) High School Representatives Selection Camp. How will he rise to the challenge to be one of the top tennis players in Japan?

The Prince of Tennis is back! And by back, we mean that the third volume of their OVA has been released. February marks the release of **Shin Tennis no Oji-sama OVA vs. Genius 10**, featuring the episodes 5 (**The Strongest Pair**) and 6 (**Betrayal and Bargaining**) of the OVA. Aside from these episodes, the OVA also has three short After School called "One Tokyo ni Iku sa," "Hiyoshi Ijiri," and "Obake Nantenai sa."

With **Hideyo Yamamoto** directing the OVA and Mitsutaka Hirota as the scriptwriter, the OVA adds another must-see continuation of the journey of Echizen together with the U-17 participants. The OVA first began in 2012 but last year, The Prince of Tennis celebrated its 15th anniversary since the release of the original manga written by **Takeshi Konomi**.

While the OVA features only two episodes, the titles are enough to intrigue fans with the idea that one is a discovery of strong players and the conflict of trust. How can Echizen match up to these challenges in his journey? Find out as he and the U-17 smash the obstacles in their path!



MELODY TO A HAPPIER LIFE

Shigatsu wa Kimi no Uso

Music is a part of our lives.

As we hear music of many forms, it affects us in different ways. To some, it serves as a companion to an inspiration in our lives. It also, of course, serves as a medium of what we feel in our hearts to the world, thus connecting different people with different experiences to each other.

A person is like a note in music and together, we form music. We meet

different people everyday and they either make the music of your life better, bad or change your music entirely. One thing is for sure, people can become a big part of your life song.

Valentines just passed us by, whether or not we are in love, we must have thought of someone, a family member, pet, an ex, a current lover, crush even an idol. Whoever it may be, there must be a music you can associate with them. Their mere existence composes your life music.



And when they disappear, your life music changes again.

Kousei Arima plays the piano as it was intended by the composer. He became a prodigy at a very young age. His life with the piano seemed to have ended when his mother, who was also his piano instructor, died. Her death caused his mental breakdown, he lost the ability to hear the piano. The world around him became dull.

His monotonous view of life starts to change when he met **Kaori Miyazono**, an extremely cheerful and free-spirited violinist. She plays exceptionally using her emotions and personality. She not only wants him to return to the piano but also shows Arima a new and different way of playing. A style that he never knew, where music is free and not like the rigid structure that he practiced before.

MANGA AND ANIME

Shigatsu wa Kimi no Uso (Your Lie in April) is a slice of life anime adaptation of the manga series of the same title that was written and illustrated by **Naoshi Arakawa**. The manga series won the spot of the best shonen manga and it was also nominated for the **5th Manga Taisho**, an annual Japanese manga award to award newer titles. The anime adaptation is by **A-1 pictures** and the series started airing last October 2014.

The anime is directed by Kyohei Ishiguro and written by Takao Yoshioka with music composed by Masaru Yokohama and Jin Akitagawa as musical director. From A-1 Studios and Fuji TV, the TV series is set to have 22 episodes in total.



All piano and violin are of course played by a real person. The main character's piano is played by **Sakata Tomoki**, 2013 finalist for The Cliburn, while Kaori's violin is played by **Shinohara Yuuna**.

First opening song is **Hikaru Nara / If you will shine** by Goose House and first ending theme song is **Kirameki / Sparkle** by wacci.

Second opening song, **Nanairo Symphony** by Coala.Mode and Orange by 7!! as second ending theme song.

Kousei Arima

At a young age, Kousei was able to dominate piano competitions. However, he was taught and used to a rigid and structured playing style by his mother and instructor. She wanted him to play the piano perfectly which caused him to experience physical and verbal abuse for small mistakes.

He spent two years without playing the piano, though even without playing, he still loved music. He is often seen composing during lunch breaks. Kousei is a loner and spends his time alone in his thoughts, despite having his close friends.

His meeting with Kaori started a change in him. He admired her and he began wishing to become as free-spirited as her.



Kaori Miyazono

Kaori grew up with two very happy pastry chefs in a sweets shop. In an environment that greatly developed her natural free-spirited and happy personality, she began playing the violin. Though her personality greatly affects how she plays, leading others to judge her style as sloppy, she is unfazed and doesn't care for the awards.

She only wants to be remembered.



Ryota Watari

Ryota is Kousei's best friend and aims to be a star football player. Being an athlete, he is popular with the girls and is known to be a playboy. He seems to date them at the same time.

He was flattered when he found out that a very cute Kaori has a crush on him. Ryota seems to be oblivious to Kousei's feelings.



Tsubaki Sawabe

Outgoing, hyperactive and boyish, Tsubaki is Kousei's childhood friend and also his first fan.

She is his neighbor and had seen the drastic change Kousei went through with his mother. During their childhood, she would invite Kousei outside to play even though he would always decline because he has piano practices.

When Kaori came, her feelings towards Kousei also became apparent. She would think that the two of them share something she could never have.

REVIEW

Shigatsu wa Kimi no Uso's story can be seen to be a slow paced one depending on the viewer, though this pace makes more room for character development and more depth in the story. The story focuses more on Kousei's perspective and development on how Kaori's personality affected him. Other characters also helps Kousei to develop though they are not given more depth to their stories themselves as their motives are only in line with Kousei's development.

A part of this slice of life anime is classical music or music itself so expect this not only be performed by our protagonists but also be blended in the story itself. The anime presents a different view of music, not only as music to listen to, but music to speak right from the heart. In line with this, the music that the characters play shows what their personalities are, like how Kaori's free spirited character reflects her music. It also greatly adds atmosphere and mood to the different scenarios.

Along with the splendid music and story progression, the series portrays nicely drawn characters and elements. The colorful art lifts the mood of different events, with elements reaching realism. The setting is very beautiful and calming with its elegance attracting different viewers to watch the series itself, to the point that they would want more. There are times that the art style changes for comedy relief which others might feel that its out of place of the anime.

Shigatsu wa Kimi no Uso is an enjoyable experience through the visuals, music and Kousei's story of development. The experience might be affected if the viewer is musically inclined or has an interest with classical music but this anime is worth a shot to watch.



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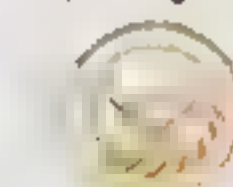
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A COLLECTION TO DIE FOR



KANTAI COLLECTION: KANCOLLE

Set in a time of chaos and strife, when humanity lost its naval supremacy due to the mysterious emergence of the Abyssal Fleet. Mankind then began to rely on a group of girls who possess the souls of warships from the day of old called Kanmusu; to counter the impending threat.

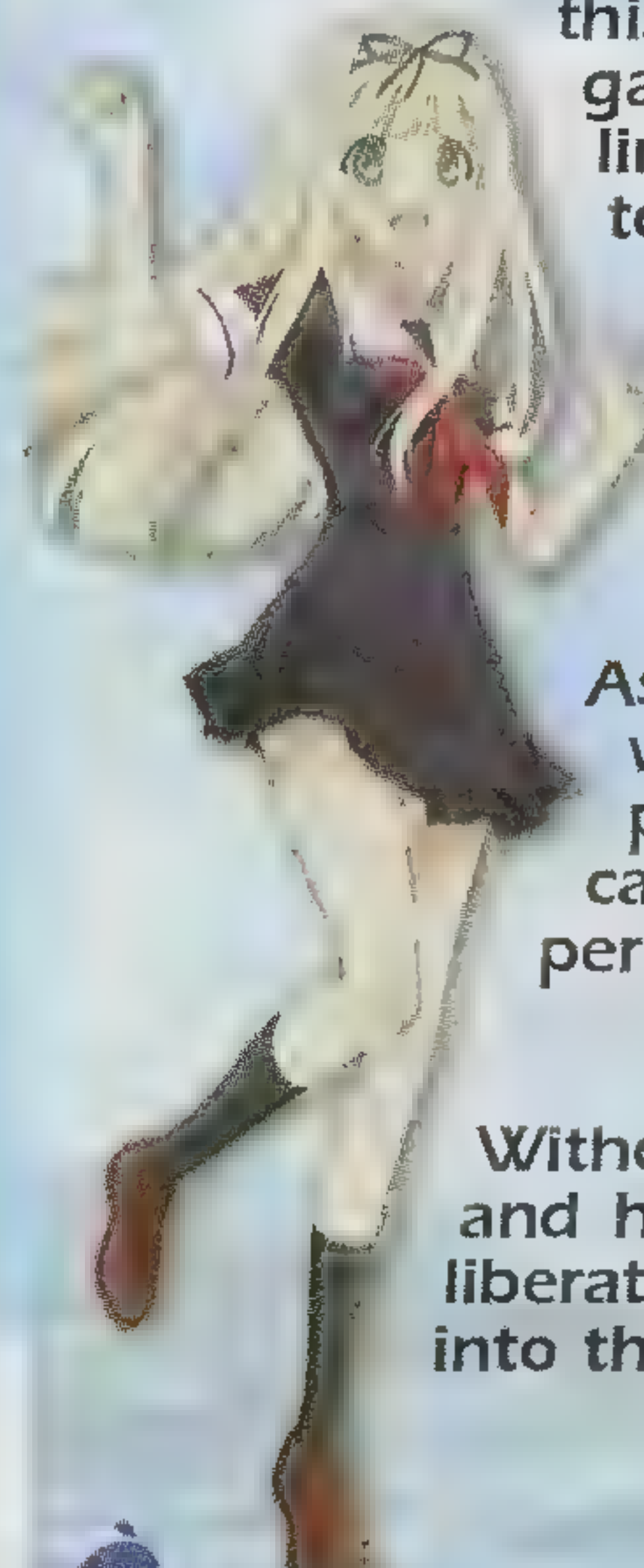
The story revolves around Fubuki, a special destroyer class who is newly recruited into the third torpedo squadron. Upon arriving on the naval base, Fubuki was introduced not only to her new friends and families; but also to the harsh reality of being a Kanmusu.



Kantai Collection or most widely known as KanColle is an anime presented by Diomedea which began airing around the start of January 2015. KanColle has already built up a huge fanbase even before its premiere, though most already know this, KanColle is actually based on a free-to-play web browser game of the same title by Kadokawa Games. Though limited only to Japan, many means are used by players just to experience the game and more than 2million players are currently registered. Other media had also been introduced based on the franchise such as light novels and different manga series. Additionally, the game is a licensed tabletop RPG and a Vita game has also been announce to release sometime in May 2015

Aside from the Kanmusu everyday life and routines, KanColle will of course pack a whole lot of naval combat. As previously announced, the anime also features the voice cast from the original game. KanColle's opening theme is Miiko performed by Akino from bless4 and the ending theme is Fubuki by Yukana Nishizawa

Without Dissent, without shame, without regret! Would Fubuki and her fellow comrades be able to succeed in their mission of liberating the oceans? Or will they succumb to their foes and be sunk into the depths? Let's give these girls a cheer as they display their courage with a tinge of cuteness in Kantai Collection.



MEMBERS OF THE THIRD TORPEDO SQUADRON



Mutsuki

-The first Kanmusu that Fubuki meets after arriving at the base. Mutsuki is quite responsible and quickly became friends with Fubuki.

Fubuki

-The newly recruited special class destroyer assigned to the third torpedo squadron. She appears to be timid yet very friendly. Fubuki holds a little secret....she has no real combat experience.

Yuudachi

-Also a destroyer class along with Fubuki and Mutsuki. Unlike her friends, she is laid back and happy-go-lucky and also has a trademark habit or adding "poi" at the end of her sentence.



Jintsu, Sendai and Naka

-The three light cruiser sisters with different personalities. Jintsu also happens to be the third torpedo squad's flagship. The three of them helped guide their juniors through all the hardships and battles.



[CLASSIFIED] FLEET OF FOG DATABASE



When facing an invincible obstacle, help might just come from the most unlikely places.

In 2038, the "Fleet of Fog", a group of warships, began a sudden set of attacks on human ships. After defeating the humans in a decisive battle, the said fleet managed to block and isolate people in a global scale. In this miserable future, one beacon of hope emerges: Chihaya Gunzou and his crew. Under a mysterious order, the submarine I-401 activates and aligns herself with Gunzou's group. With a new ally capable of matching up to the Fleet of Fog and their advanced weaponry, it is time for humanity to begin its counterattack and open the way to a bright future!

Scheduled for a 2015 release, Arpeggio of Blue Steel: Ars Nova – DC is a movie which relieves the adventure from the hit anime series. Just like in the 2013 anime, Nano and Trident will perform the two theme songs.

If you think that this movie would be a mere recap of the anime series, think again. It has been confirmed that viewers will be treated with over 40 minutes of new material. Headlining the movie additions are the brand new characters, featuring Hiei and the rest of the I-401 Pursuit Fleet from the Arpeggio manga. A sequel movie has also been announced, which will further push this high-octane adventure to greater depths.

First impressions would probably be related to the heavy usage of CG in the animation. For a movie like Arpeggio of Blue Steel, this graphic choice is the right one.

Viewers would see that it works wonders, especially when they get lost in the grand battles featuring seemingly-endless amounts of naval weapons. That goes without saying that the movie will have no shortage of gripping action sequences.

Iona [I-401]

I-401, named Iona, is a captured submarine which was humanity's lone victory in that crushing defeat against the Fleet of Fog. Upon contact with Chihaya Gunzou, she wakes up and offers her services to the human captain. She becomes the catalyst for mankind's renewed battle for freedom.

Takao

Takao is a heavy cruiser and one of the first ships that battled I-401 in the story. Befitting her title of heavy cruiser, she comes armed with a vast array of armaments and equipment in battle. Surprisingly, the aftermath of her battle with I-401 would cause her to develop feelings for Gunzou.

Kirishima and Haruna

A duo who engage I-401 during an attack on the port of Yokusuka. Despite vastly contrasting personalities, the two battleships exhibit excellent teamwork when fighting together. In fact, their trump card involves them fusing into one ship in order to unleash an ultimate attack.

Kongou

Kongou is a high-ranking member of the Fleet of Fog. She is firm, stubborn, and driven with her goals. Often accompanied by the heavy cruiser Maya, the only one she considers a friend, she will stop at nothing to fulfill her duties. This naturally puts her on odds with several of the other ships, not that it matters to her.

Hiei

She roams the seas as a leader of the I-401 Pursuit Fleet. She seems to have some special connection with both Haruna and Kirishima, her "sister" ships.

While the action and animation are already things of beauty to see, beyond those is a wonderful story of finding one's identity and will. Both fans and first-time





CHARACTER BIO

by: Relisha

Yotsugi Ononoki

Apparition Type:
Tsukumogami

Occupation:
Familiar

Relatives:
Yozuru Kagenul (Master)

First Appearance:
Tsukihi Phoenix

Voice Actor:
Saori Hayami

You are leisurely walking around the park under the morning sun until a worn-out box catches your attention. Inside the box is an abandoned kitten that, for some strange reason, barks like a dog. You are puzzled upon seeing the kitten and asked yourself "Is this really a kitten or a puppy?"

That is the same question you will be asking yourself after seeing the featured character for this issue's Character Bio.

BIO

She prefers addressing herself in a masculine pronoun "boku" and sees Yozuru as her big sister and Koyomi as her big brother. Yotsugi always ends her sentence with "I said, with a posed look."

Her special ability is called "Unlimited Rulebook", which allows her finger to take various forms. She also displayed superhuman strength that is unthinkable for a doll to possess.

She was once a human that was revived as a tsukumogami by Yozuru Kagenul. Yotsugi doesn't have a particular personality, given that she is supposed to be a doll, but her behavior is just like any other human. She and Kagenul are experts in dealing with immortal creatures; which is the reason why Yotsugi tried to kill Tsukihi because of her immortality, but was defeated by a powered up Shinobu.

To Koyomi, Yotsugi is completely human despite being an apparition that took on human form.



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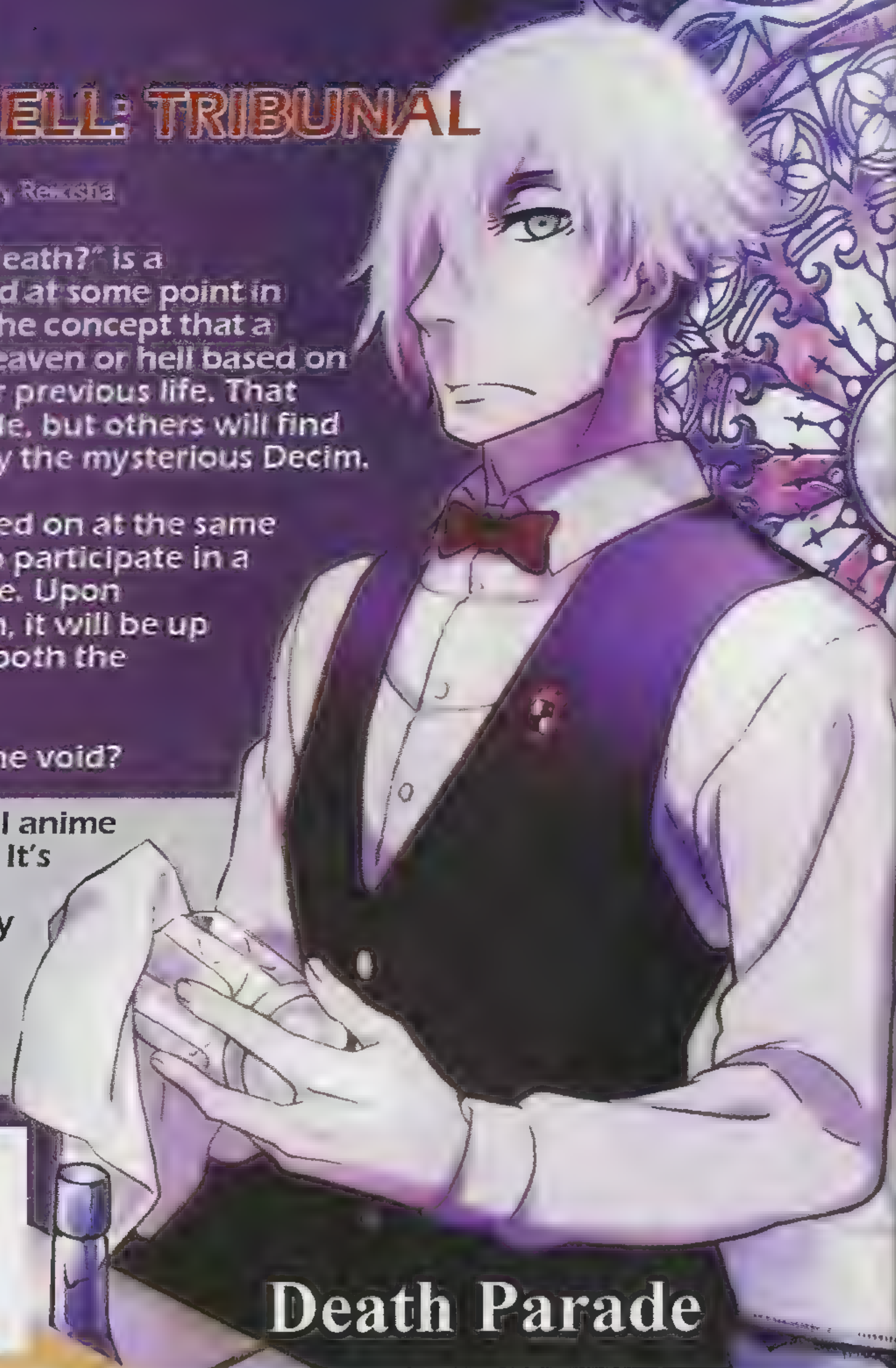
"What will happen to us after death?" is a question that crossed your mind at some point in your life. We are familiar with the concept that a person may be sent to either heaven or hell based on the kind of life they had in their previous life. That may be the case for some people, but others will find themselves in a bar attended by the mysterious Decim.

Two individuals that have passed on at the same time. Decim challenges them to participate in a game with their lives on the line. Upon reaching the game's conclusion, it will be up to Decim to pass judgment on both the victor and the loser.

Will it be for reincarnation or the void?

Death Parade is a psychological anime series presented by Madhouse. It's based from the 2012 Young Animator Training Project entry titled "Death Billiards". The series is scheduled to run for 12 episodes from January 10 to March 28, 2015.

Each episode, two guests with no recollection of the events prior to their death arrives at a bar called "Quindecim" managed by Decim and his female assistant.



Death Parade

They are prompted to play a game wherein they wager their lives and have them show the darkest part of their souls. The games can be anything from darts to bowling, but with a twist: every part of their bodies are linked to the game. During the game, not only memories are gradually coming back to the players, but also the fear of the consequence if they lose the game pushes them to the brink of paranoia.

Considering its history with dark, psychological anime shows, it's no surprise that Madhouse studios has done a splendid job presenting Death Parade this season. The show portrays how the fear of dying can affect one's mind, especially when they are forced to play a game where their lives are at stake as even the kindest person can be dangerous when pushed to their limit. The visuals and soundtrack used for the

series fits the tranquil atmosphere of the Quindecim as well as the character development of the guests every episode.

Death Parade is a must-watch for those who are interested in seeing humans reveal their true nature in countless ways during extreme situations. The series is like a rare gem that will keep you at the edge of your seats with its unexpected twists and revelations each episode.



Nanami Momozono is abandoned by her father who owes money from debt collectors and is left to fend for herself. When the debt collectors kicked her out of her apartment, she had no choice but to live in the streets. One night, Nanami saved a man who, as gratitude, offers her his home. But she had no idea that his place is a shrine, and has been tricked into becoming his replacement as a local diety.

Nanami now has new responsibilities she doesn't understand, dangers she's unaware of, and a cranky ex-familiar who... turns out to be a good-looking guy. How will Nanami as a fledging diety overcome all of this?

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The reason for that is because the show itself is torn between focusing on romance or the theme of the story.

The artstyle used for the characters and scenery isn't very eye-catching. The same applies to the actual animation, where it incorporates minimalist drawings and animation for comic-relief. What's worse is that the quality deteriorates as the series progressed.

Among the characters, Nanami's godlike kindness and determination makes her an easily likeable character despite being a normal human turned diety.

Overall, Kamisama Hajimemashita has flaws that are hard to miss, but can still be enjoyable to watch regardless. Considering that it has a sequel currently on-going, it might be a good idea to give this series a try.

Long ago, the planet Kumalia exploded at the far reaches of outer space. The fragments of the planet became a meteor shower that rained down on Earth, causing the bears all over the world to rise up as one and attacked humanity. A never-ending cycle of hatred between the bears and humans has started as both sides began preying on each other. In the end, the "Wall of Extinction" was erected for the sake of driving away the bears from the human world and a state of mutual non-aggression came to pass...

What will become of the humans now that the bears are invading the human world?

Meanwhile in the human world, Kureha Tsubaki and Sumika Izumino were by themselves when the bear alarms ring out. At the same day, Arashigaoka Academy has two new transfer students named Lulu Yurigasaki and Ginko Yurishiro. Ginko and Lulu, who are actually bears in disguise, set their signs on Kureha due to her delicious smell.

by Reikisha

川熊嵐

LOVE BULLET - YURI KUMA ARASHI

Yurikuma Arashi is a psychological shoujo-ai anime adaptation based on the on-going manga series created by Kunihiro Ikumura and Akiko Morishima that is serialized in Comic Birz since February 2014. The anime is scheduled to run for 12 episodes until April 24, 2015.

Just as the title implies, Yurikuma Arashi has obvious signs of its female characters being lovers in contrast to most shoujo-ai themed anime and manga. The series is about the one-sided love-hate

relationship between humans and bears. Other than that, the main plot of the show is somewhat confusing. "Why is there a trial court?" or "Why are bears still eating human flesh after the verdict?" are probably the questions you'll have in mind as you watch the series.

Yurikuma Arashi is highly recommended for those who are into dark, psychological themed shows and a pinch of steamy yuri action thrown in the mix. It may be confusing to watch, but the flashy visuals and deceiving metaphors makes up for it.

YESTERDAY'S VILLAINS ARE TODAY'S HEROES

by Reikisha

It's been ages since the Yatterman defeated the Doronbow thieves. They were hailed as heroes for saving the world from the villainous group and built the Yatter Kingdom in Hukkaido so that people could live in peace. Since then, the world has been in a state of harmony for generations under Yatterman's rule.

Meanwhile, the youngest descendant of Doronjo decides to venture to the kingdom and ask the Yatterman for help to cure her sick mother. But as soon as the legendary heroes made an appearance before her, she gets kicked out from the kingdom and her mother dies without receiving any help. The girl realized that the Yatterman was no hero of justice all along. With her strong resolve to give the Yatterman a strong forehead flick, Leopard along with Voltkatze and Elephantus, has finally embraced their ancestor's legacy and became the new generation Doronjo, Boyacky and Tonzra.

Yoru no Yatterman is a new Yatterman series to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Tatsunoko's Time Bokan series. It's a 12-episode anime series that will be aired in Japan every Sunday from January 11 to March 29 with FUNimation as the animation studio. SCREEN mode and Sphere performs the opening and ending song for the series titled "Kyokugen Dreamer" and "Jounetsu Continue" respectively.

Yoru no Yatterman is one of the shows

that narrates the story through the villains' perspective.

Seeing the hero and the villain switch roles is a refreshing concept for the first time viewers, but it might be baffling for people who have watched the original series to discover that the Yatterman are now ruling the kingdom through tyranny while Doronbow is fighting for justice.

A new Doronbow and a new Yatterman—a story of the birth of Galina and Alouette. A new legend begins!

アルドノア・ゼロ ALDNOAH .ZERO

by Mikelle

ALDNOAH.ZERO season two starts with, literally, a BANG. The story follows after the cliff-hanger ending of the first season. The first season basically showed the two sides of the war between Earth and Mars by depicting the story of three main characters; Inaho Kaizuka, Slaine Troyard and Princess Asseylum Vers Allusia. Ending with two of the main characters being shot, it left a big question for viewers if they survived.

Second season was announced immediately at the end of the first season. The new season officially starts with Slaine, 19 months after, knighted as Sir Slaine Troyard by the Martians. Despite being a Terran, his complete loyalty to the Empire of Vers was acknowledged and this landed him to be respected by those who tortured him before. The war is still ongoing and there is no sign of it concluding. Earth is on a tight spot, with the continuous war and advanced technology of Mars for fighting, what will save Earth?

From the creator and script writer of Psychopass, Fate/Zero, and Puella Magi Madoka Magica, Gen Urobuchi, viewers will be given a more intense action-packed mecha anime within their midst. The same with the first season, this anime is once again produced by A-1 Pictures and TROYCA, a good graphics is expected to be watched especially with the mecha fight scenes. For the theme songs, SawanoHiroyuki[nZk]:mizuki, the artist from the first season's closing themes, is the artist for the opening theme and closing theme of the second season. And Eir Aoi is the other artist for another closing theme in the series.

Wait! So what happened with Princess Asseylum?

Well that is for you to find out in this second season. If you still have not watched even the first season or if you are already done with it, make sure to put this anime in your watch list. Supported by great producers, awesome themes, and amazing plotline, you will surely get hooked into watching this anime.



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七人の大罪

by James



ESCANOR MERLIN



MELIODAS

BAN

KING

GOWTHER

DIANE

Even in the land of Britannia, where monsters and magic run amok, there are legends of immortal men, brawny children, and giants. Among the many legends and perhaps the most incredible of them all is the one about the Seven Deadly Sins.

The Kingdom of Lioness was protected by the Holy Knights, the kingdom's powerful defenders, and the Seven Deadly Sins, a merciless order of knights of seven feared criminals. When the Holy Knights sought to bring down the Seven, they were slaughtered. After that bloody day, the Seven disappeared. Some say they've been slain, while some say they're fugitives who are still terrorizing the far-flung districts of the kingdom. Either way, whether they're dead or alive, one thing's for sure – they are feared.



The Holy Knights have launched a coup d'état against the royal family, and Princess Elizabeth believes that the Seven Deadly Sins are the only ones who can help her. She comes to the Boar Hat, a tavern run by Meliodas, and his talking pet boar Hawk, in search of information. She was followed by Holy Knight Apprentice Twiggo who proceeds to take her down. Meliodas comes to her aid and thwarts the assassination. Much to Elizabeth's surprise and delight, Meliodas is not only one of the Seven; he's also its captain, and he agrees to aid her in looking for them, as he himself is looking them too. Thus the beginning of the new legend of the Seven Deadly Sins.

Based on the manga *Nanatsu no Taizai* by Nakaba Suzuki, which is directly translated in English as *Seven Deadly Sins*, the 24-episode anime adaptation is created by A-1 Pictures and licensed by Aniplex. With such a renowned studio, you'll get what you expect: great animation and cinematography.

Art-wise, the show knows what it is: a shonen anime that can get quite serious but never too heavy. This truth becomes evident in the bright and vibrant color scheme that is perfect for the show's lighthearted high fantasy look and feel, the smoothly and uniquely drawn characters, the alternate universe Medieval Europe backgrounds and setting, and the awesome, highly varied, and streamline fight scenes.

The story is staple action-adventure shonen anime fare, so much so that the most genre-savvy fans can easily predict the things that can happen next. However, instead of being a turn-off, it's actually one of the show's strong points, as it plays its genre unabashedly straight and doesn't pretend to be edgier than it's supposed to be. And despite its sticking to serious-but-neve-dark territory, the heavy scenes, especially those that involve fights, have a sense of weight.



DEADLY SINS

Meliodas

Sin: Wrath

Tattoo: Dragon

Aside from running his tavern, The Boar Hat, and cooking awful-tasting food for it, he also into kicking behinds with relative ease whenever the need arises. After all, he's not just one of the Seven Deadly Sins – he's its captain. But that's not what Meliodas is all about; he's mostly just a generally happy guy who looks like a kid, loves to drink, and play with Elizabeth. However, hidden behind his ever-ambient smile is a sad past...and a fearsome and seemingly unfathomable rage.



Diane

Sin: Envy

Tattoo: Serpent



Diane is a woman with long brown hair and a red top. She is a member of the Seven Deadly Sins and is known for her Envy sin. She has a tattoo of a serpent on her back. She is a skilled warrior and is often seen with her sword. She is also a very loyal member of the team and is always ready to fight for her friends.

Elizabeth Lioness III

A pretty, kind-hearted, but clueless girl, she went on a search to find the Seven Deadly Sins. She stumbled into Meliodas. Despite having no ability to fight, she more than makes up for it with her willingness to do almost anything for the sake of the Seven Deadly Sins and the people around her, even if it endangers her life.



Hawk

He's not just a pig; he's a talking pig.



And despite being a pig, he delivers a lot of sense of humor and common sense to the group.

Ban

Sin: Greed

Tattoo: Fox

A bandit, a drunkard, a thief – some things that Ban is, perfect for someone whose sin is greed. He's also crazy, devil-may-care, and secretly concerned towards the people around him, including strangers.

Because of a mysterious event that happened during the 10-year disappearance of the Seven Deadly Sins, he became immortal. He also has an ability called Snatch, which allows him to steal almost anything, even the physical ability of his enemies.



King

Sin: Sloth

Tattoo: Bear

King is a king not only in name but also in truth, as he was once the king of Fairy Forest. However, because of a series of tragic occurrences, he found his way into the human world as one of the Seven Deadly Sins. And rightfully so, as his ability to levitate and use Chastifoli, a powerful spear created from the Sacred Tree from the Fairy Forest, make him a formidable warrior.

Ten years after the fateful day that caused the Seven Deadly Sins to be labeled as traitors, he was reunited with Meliodas, Ban, and Diane. He's untrusting of Ban because of some strange reasons. On the other hand, he harbors secret feelings for Diane, and he easily feels shy when he's around her.



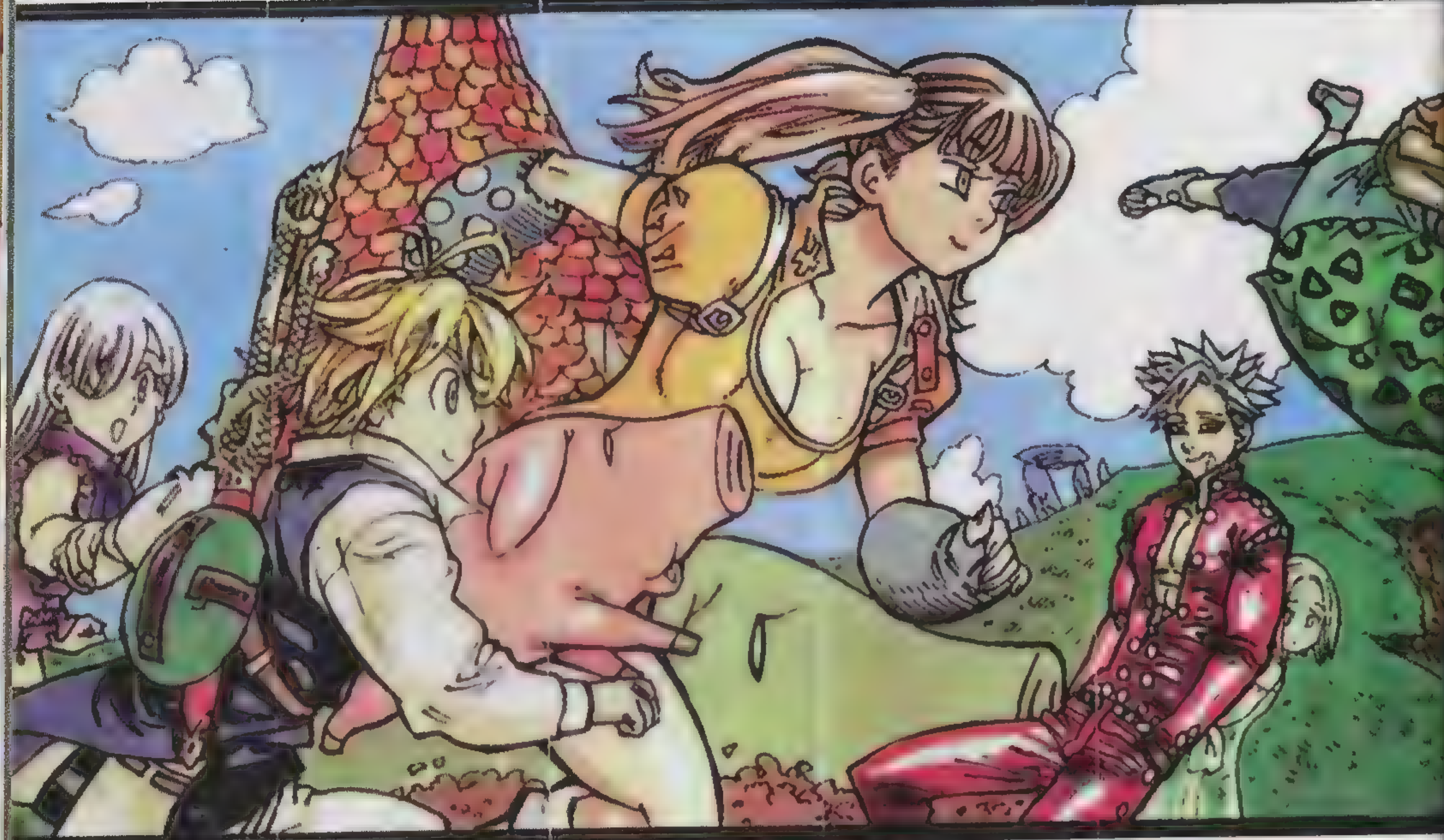
HOLY KNIGHTS

Gilthunder

This Holy Knight, who is of Diamond Rank, is a formidable warrior who can imbue lightning in his weapons and attacks. He wishes to kill the Seven Deadly Sins, as they allegedly slew in cold blood his father, Zarathras.

Hendrickson

Not much is known about this Great Holy Knight. However, an ominous air of mystery surrounds him, so much so that even some members of the order suspect him of something dubious.



When it comes to the show's characters, there is perhaps no simple way to describe them, as they can be quite complex and have a lot of room for development. It's a very commendable thing, taking into consideration that the show adheres to regular shonen tropes and sensibilities. In fact, when compared to the protagonists of other titles of the same genre, most of the show's leads – especially the Seven Deadly Sins – are in deeper anti-hero territory. And then there's also the fact that all of the sins have rather weighty backstories. All of these things make them very interesting, unique, and unforgettable personalities. And the best part? They all have a lot of heart, so much so that the show's touching moments always feel genuine and inspiring, and the characters are easy to care for.

The antagonists, however, leave much room to be desired. While they're not necessarily ineffective, the problem lies in their single-faceted personalities and drives. While the goal of the Holy Knights as a whole is definitely clear, the motivations of most of their members – the ones that have appeared on the show – for opposing the leads are either shallow or unexplored. Although a sympathetic antagonist or two does not guarantee a better story, it would be a lot better to see a few in the story. Then again, considering that the show is still in its first season, such a development is not unlikely.



As for the setting, the way the places, objects, and creatures are drawn gives off an otherworldly feel that is perfect for its mythos, and the writing behind them is well-established and consistent. Truly, the world of *The Seven Deadly Sins* is indeed a colorful, crazy, sometimes dangerous, but always magical and amazing. There may be a lot of anime that have adopted the Old World theme, but the world of this show manages to stand out, and it does so in the most enchanting way.

So if you think the sword-and-sorcery shonen shows are done, overdone, and beaten half to death, then be prepared to have a change of mind with this one. With its tried-and-tested mainstay ingredients from the genre it's rooted in, a stylish and inspired art direction that is perfect for its fantasy realm, cool fight scenes that will leave your heart pumping, and vibrant and intriguing characters that you will feel easily invested in, it's not so hard to see why *The Seven Deadly Sins* is beloved by a lot of people of all ages. So if you haven't gotten into the hype, it's high time you did. And if you openly say that shonen is for children, then prepare to have a show you'll be watching in secret.

MANGA

by: lizac3.0

Assassinate the Assassin!

NUMBER

The famous saying "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," has so much value in revenge. For a little boy whose parents are murdered in front of him, being vengeful may come a bit too early for him. Especially when he remembers the very person who destroyed his family.

Toneriko Furoribanda patiently waits after ten years before joining a group of assassins called **Thanatos**, the same group where the murderer of his family belongs. It is a group where assassins outrank each other and carry out requests for murder without a blink of an eye. Each of them has a number corresponding to their rank in the group, number one being the strongest. Toneriko holds the **Number Five** position, while **Tekirai**, the **Number One**, is who Toneriko aims to kill. Now a ruthless assassin himself, will the ill-fated teenager be able to find justice for his family? Or will he continuously succumb to the world of cold-blood murder?

Number is a manga drawn and written by **Kawori Tsubaki**. It was published from April 2008 to October 2011 with seven volumes and 41 chapters. It was serialized by **Comic Avarus** under the category shoujo. Despite its fantasy and action themes, it is under shoujo because of the mild depiction of shounen-ai or boy love. It is an interesting manga which lies between the realms of shoujo and shounen: not too light to be shoujo, but not too dark to be shounen.

The art is beautiful, albeit somehow giving off the Code Geass and Kuroshitsuji vibe. The characters are beautifully drawn, and perhaps one of the best drawn shoujo manga because of the intricate detail and neat presentation. Although the theme of "assassins" for hire is not new, it is quite a unique concept for a shoujo manga because of the dark underlying theme.

Number is an intense and fast read; it's done before you know it. But it is indeed an unforgettable manga with its twists and turns. Make time for this new shoujo manga experience and get ready to enter the brutal world of Thanatos.

Too much tweeting brings trouble!

FUUKA

Moving into a new place is really sad at first but once you meet new neighbors, friends and people, it won't be that bad after all. Some of us tend to engross ourselves on social networking sites, getting in touch with your friends from the previous towns we've been to.

People say that too much is not good and could bring misfortunes in life. This is what **Yuu Haruna** experienced. He just moved into a new town and he loves visiting his twitter. However, as he was too engrossed to it, he accidentally bumped into a girl named **Fuuka Akitsuki**. She thought Yuu was secretly taking pictures of her panties which is not true. This made Fuuka mad. Yuu accidentally pushed the camera capture button of his phone as they collide with each other. Yuu was supposed to tweet of what's happening about him and the accident happened. It turned out that Fuuka attends the same school as him. What will happen to their relationship? Will they reconcile with each other?

Fuuka is a Japanese manga series written by **Seo Kouji**. It was published starting Feb 12, 2014 and was serialized in **Shounen Magazine**. This manga is packed with drama, romance, school, shounen and a bit of comedy which will make the story more interesting to the point that you won't stop reading it.

Art is one of the things that we take in consideration when we will choose a manga to read. **Fuuka** is no exception. You can see the art style is really great and the story blends with it. Another thing is that you'll get excited of what will happen with the character developments on every chapter.

If you're a romantic comedy fan then this is the right manga for you! You'll not regret reading this as you enter the story **FUUKA**: the story of Yuu and Fuuka mainly and their interaction with each other and how it affects the people around them.

The World as seen through Her Eyes

by Lizac 3.0

BENTEN ROCK YOU

Is it possible to continue someone else's dream even when they are gone? Perhaps this situation reminds you of a parent shoving their unachieved dream to their child because they weren't able to pursue it for some reason. But far from it, a schoolgirl named Anamori Izumi seems that she has no other choice but to grant this certain request. It is all the more difficult to ignore as the request comes from no less than a goddess named Benteu.

According to the goddess, it is only Izumi who can accomplish this task that apparently requires a unique ability.

It is hard for a student like Anamori Izumi who is socially inept to mingle with classmates and other people per se. Thanks to her best friend since childhood, Noriko, the shy girl is able to deal with anything that comes her way. The two are always together, and Noriko does her best to support Izumi despite her reluctance to socialize.

For a change, Noriko suggests that they go to a temple where they could pick their fortune. Unfortunately for Izumi, she picks the "Curse" card. Despite the bad luck, Izumi still has a lucky direction to go to. The card reads "Southwest", so they go exactly to the southwest of the temple. There, she meets the enthusiastic Goddess Benteu, Guardian of Mount Heiei of the East and Shinobazu pond. Goddess Benteu informs Izumi of her special cognition called "synesthesia". It is the ability to see and feel vivid images through colors. In Izumi's case however, it happens through music. From there, Benteu asks Izumi for an almost impossible task to complete a deceased person's music. Will the shy girl easily accept it?

Benteu Rock You is a seinen manga written and illustrated by Watari Keiji in 2014. It is on-going under the serialization of Young Ace. At first read, it is hard to tell why such a manga with cute art is seinen. But the characters are more than fervent enough to suit the seinen genre. It also features rock music as one of its themes, which will definitely appeal to the manga's target audience. The manga in itself is compelling because of the issue that the protagonist has to resolve.

Will Izumi be able to use synesthesia at its fullest potential? Will she become more sociable given her newly discovered talent? Join her in her adventure to fulfill a long-time wish of a pure heart.

A Dream or a Nightmare?

ARUOSUMENTE

Some don't believe in dreams, as they consider the pool of visions merely an aftermath of what a person thinks about before they sleep. It may also be a jumbled recollection of everything that transpired during the day. But seeing as there is an endless list of subjective interpretations of dreams that can be found everywhere, is it possible that dreams do really mean something? If someone in your dream says "Die!", does the person really mean it?

A respectable courtier by the name of Legna is working at the palace for a young and lovable King. Before the little ruckus in the palace in the morning, which seems to be an everyday occurrence, Legna had a dream the night before. He describes the voice as having a "clear will in a clear language" telling him to die. As Legna comes from a clan of the Oracle, the dream bothers him all morning which does not go unnoticed by his sage associates. He suspects almost everyone having the voice of the one in his dream. He goes to the Senate to consult a person named Deberto. He teaches him the ritual of Aruosumente, a practice where one can summon a sage-like character in one's dream.

It is a long abolished practice for reasons unknown to many, but Legna is willing to try it to interpret the meaning of his dream and protect the king. The process is simple: the summoner must hold a philosopher's stone wrapped in a purely white cloth while they're sleeping. Being able to acquire the things he needs, he is able to talk to the sage who lives in his dream, albeit not seeing him face-to-face. The sea of details is almost too much to bear for Legna. He must learn a lot more about being a courtier and what it takes to be a truly learned person.

Published and serialized in 2010 by Ichijinsha, Aruosumente is a fantasy and Josei manga written by Aki. The art is appealing as it seems magical and very fantasy-driven, much like in stories where there is an irresponsible prince and his wise assistant. Only that in this manga, the focus is on the assistant and not on the royalty. The character art is somehow deceiving, as most of the characters may be mistaken as female when in fact the character is male and vice versa. It is fascinating to find a bunch of androgynous characters in a somehow olden setting.

Aruosumente is a manga which presents a lot of ideas all at once, jumping from one mystery to another. It's as if expecting its readers to be true blood sages! If you need to practice your wisdom and scholarly abilities, read the mystery of Aruosumente and join Legna in his quest to knowing the future.



You're From My Favorite Book!

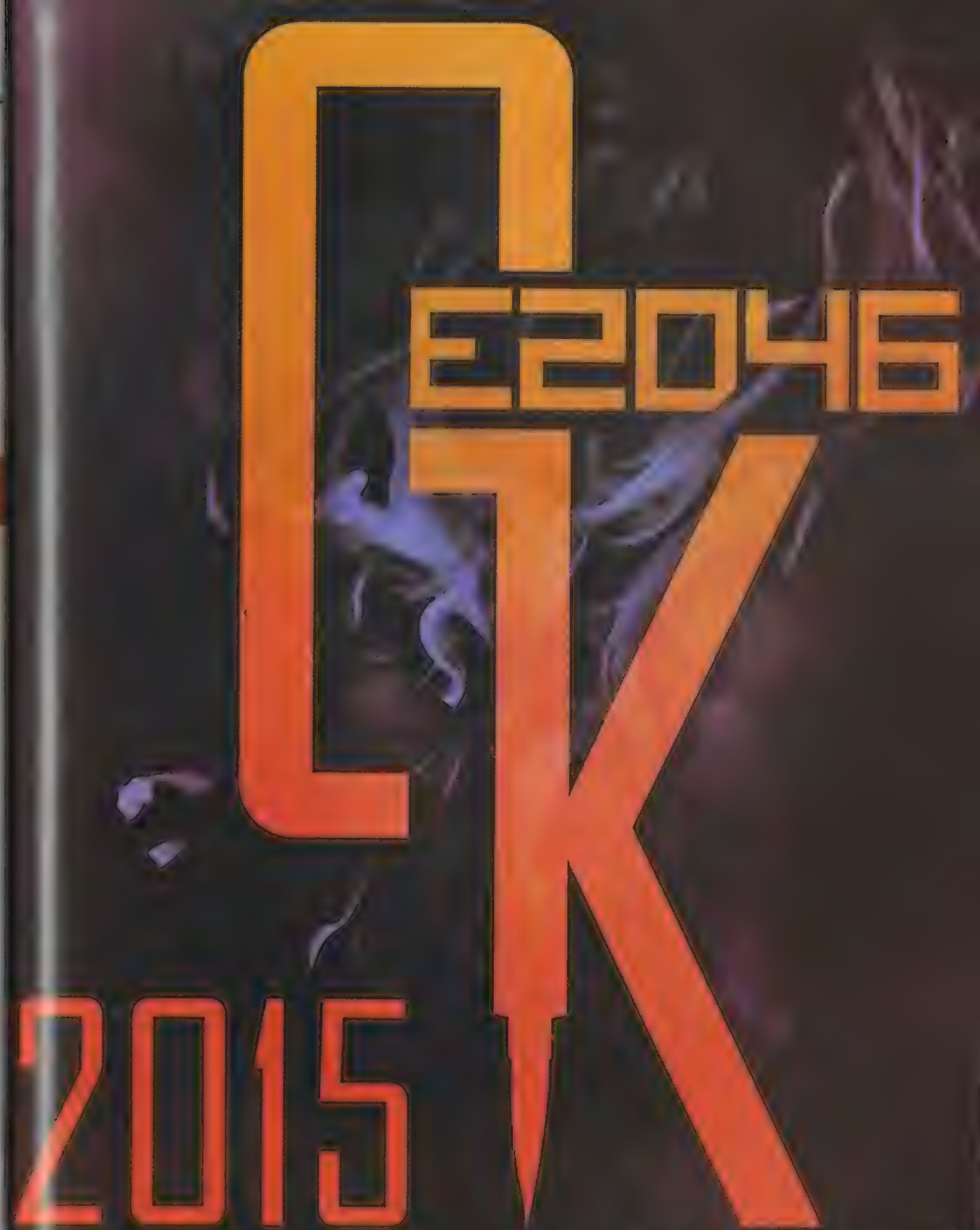
BOARDING HOUSE DOROTHY

Dorothy is perplexed when she thought she finally arrived at her hometown, **Kansas**. **Hanbyul** explains that **Dorothy**, **Lion**, **Scarecrow**, and **Tinman** are characters from a book that were brought to life. However, for some unknown reason, the group ends up in South Korea. The school girl tries to help them solve this mysterious issue by going around the town to look for clues. Hanbyul claims that she knows the city by heart, so there will be no problem. To Hanbyul's surprise, she finds different creatures and unfamiliar people lurking around the city. She realizes that it is the cause of the merging of fairy tales and the reality she lives in (even though she has to pay for goods with actual money, which she finds extremely frustrating.)

✦ Hanbyul knows the two worlds are not supposed to meet, in fact, impossible. Thus, they set out on a mission to discover what happened to the balance of fantasy and reality, only to be greeted by a famished girl whose skin is as white as snow, hair as black as ebony, and with lips as red as blood. It sounds painfully familiar like Snow White, doesn't it? Just what is happening in Hanbyul's world which turns out to be the not-so-ideal alternate universe?

Boarding House Dorothy is a manhwa written and illustrated by **Fantasy Turtle** in 2013. It is an on-going manhwa under the publisher **Daum**, and serialized in a magazine with the same name. Boarding House Dorothy is in full color, so the readers can fully enjoy this humorous piece of art at its finest. It is surprisingly light and feel-good. The characters have been modernized to suit the taste of the current generation of manhwa and manga readers, making them highly relatable as well. You'll be surprised at Snow White's seven modern dwarves! The mystery is strong for every fairy tale character encounter, and the author effectively introduces them in a way that would earn much anticipation from the readers.

Get ready to flip each page of this manhwa like the way you used to read fairy tale books, as Boarding House Dorothy builds up the excitement with a different storytelling manner. It's certainly refreshing to read fantasy manhwa even when you're no longer a child!



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HOT ANIME

Saekano

How to Raise a Boring Girlfriend

Megumi Kato

cv: Kiyono Yasuno

cv: Ai Kayano

Utaha Kasumigaoka

vice-principal Sawamura

cv: Saori Onishi

For manga artists, doujin artists, there is only one event to be in: COMIKET.

Held twice a year in Japan, Comiket is the world's largest doujinshi fair. First started in 1975 with 600 attendees, Comiket now has over a half million guests.

Blessing Software is a doujin circle to produce a visual novel where the main heroine, Meguri, is modeled after a classmate.

Tomoya Aki

cv: Yoshigitsu Matsuoka

He works part-time to buy anime. Convinced the vice-principal once to allow an anime screening at the school's Culture Festival.

Although he has no special skills or abilities, he was the one who found Megumi Kato as their heroine and begin their doujin game.

"Why would I want to profess my feelings for some 3D girl?"

The anime is very interesting to watch, thank you, A-1 Pictures. There are times when the lineart becomes a different color, Eriri's hair can slap Tomoya, petals and leaves just keep on flying from some unknown source. It really feels like a dating game made into an anime.

Cute and animated, it sadly is underappreciated. The original work is from a light novel by Fumilaki Maruto (KADOKAWA Fantasia Bunko Fujimi Shobo BC). Characters are designed by Kurehito Misaki while the series is directed by Kanta Kamei.

This is one of the cutest (and less echi) winter anime!



GAMER'S ARENA

by Mikelle

My
Lord, once more, I
shall raise this flag, for this
country's—no, this world's
salvations.

Listen to my words, brave warriors gathered
here, legion of heroic spirits who retained their
reason! No matter if you were sworn enemies or
no matter how far your time periods apart, now you
must entrust your backs to one another!

Though this entire planet has become the battlefield
of the Holy Grail War, though the world has been
brought to ruin, though countless formidable foes
block your path, the end has still yet to be
determined by anyone.

Now let us begin our fight, Master.

The curtains rise on the largest scale Holy
Grail War in history, Fate/Grand Order,
a story of reclaiming the
future. —Joan of Arc

*Reclaim Order,
Reclaim the Future
Fate Grand Order*

Fate/Grand Order is an upcoming online role-playing game developed for the Android and iOS. The game is a reboot of Fate/Apocrypha and was earlier known as Fate Online Project Reboot which riled up fans around the globe following the game's first official announcement. Though Fate/Apocrypha is currently running a light novel series, Fate/Grand Order's story line will stray from the original story and will be using the a new concept and story that is now on a global scale.

Saber (Arthuria Pendragon) and Ruler (Jeanne d'Arc) will be acting as key characters for the game's storyline but Fate/Grand Order will be re-introducing a new female character as the main heroine, servant Shielder. She was originally planned as a character in Studio DEEN's production of Fate/Stay Night, but now she is making her official debut in the game. Though the name is still not canon until official release, these character facts were gathered in an interview with Kinoko Nasu, the author and story writer of Notes which is now famously known as TYPE-MOON.



The development team is comprised of Kinoko Nasu as the scenario writer and supervisor, and Takeuchi Takahashi as the character designer and art director. Hikaru Sakurai who wrote the scenario for Fate/Prototype: Fragments of Blue and Silver, as well as Fate/Apocrypha's Yuuichirou Higashide will also be pitching in for the project. Many notable artist, mangaka and designer will be contributing as character designers for the game such as huke, Namaniku ATK, Hv and Sasaki Shounen. Fate/Grand Order will also feature the song Shikisai by Maaya Sakamoto who is also the voice behind Jeanne d'Arc.

Though Kinoko Nasu has broken his own words by saying that Fate/Extra CCC was his last time writing for the Fate series, it is guaranteed that many fans worldwide are joyous because of what happened. Lastly, Kinoko Nasu also left a quote for the fans stating that he wants to provide entertainment for fans while playing lightheartedly on a daily basis.





the ACTION HYPES UP with these ELKNIGHTS JOINING IN!

by Rain

ARA-HAAN

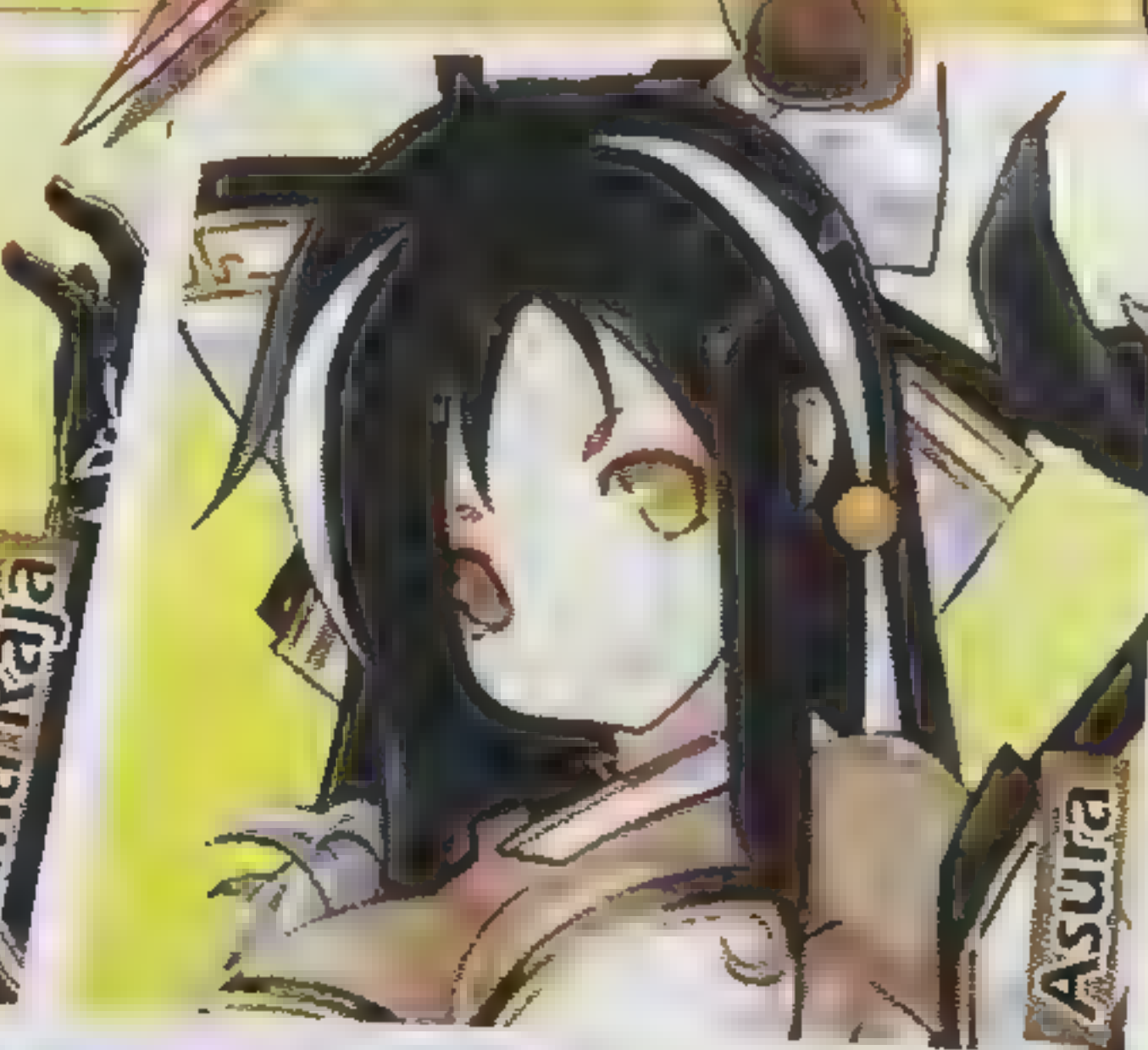
Born from a family that protects the spirit of the nine tails fox for generations. Ara may look nice and innocent but in reality she is a skilled martial artist and a spear wielder thanks to her family's influence. She a older brother named Aren Haan who was trained in an early ge to become the defense captain at Fahrman. Her clan was massacred by an army of demon's who wanted to steal the Elstone. It turned out that the army was led by his brother Aren who was now known as Ran. Now, Ara is now on her quest to find his brother.



Sakra Devanam



Yama Raja



Asura

ELESIS

Leader of the Red Knights. Elesis is Elsword's sister whom he looks up to. Strong-willed and fierce, she left Velder in an early age, in order to train herself to be stronger. After their fight with Chloe in Velder, she reunited with her brother and joined the party. Like Elsword, Elesis' weapon of choice is a great sword called Claymore. As a trained magic user as well, she uses both magic and melee in her powerful combos.



Blazing Heart



Grand Master

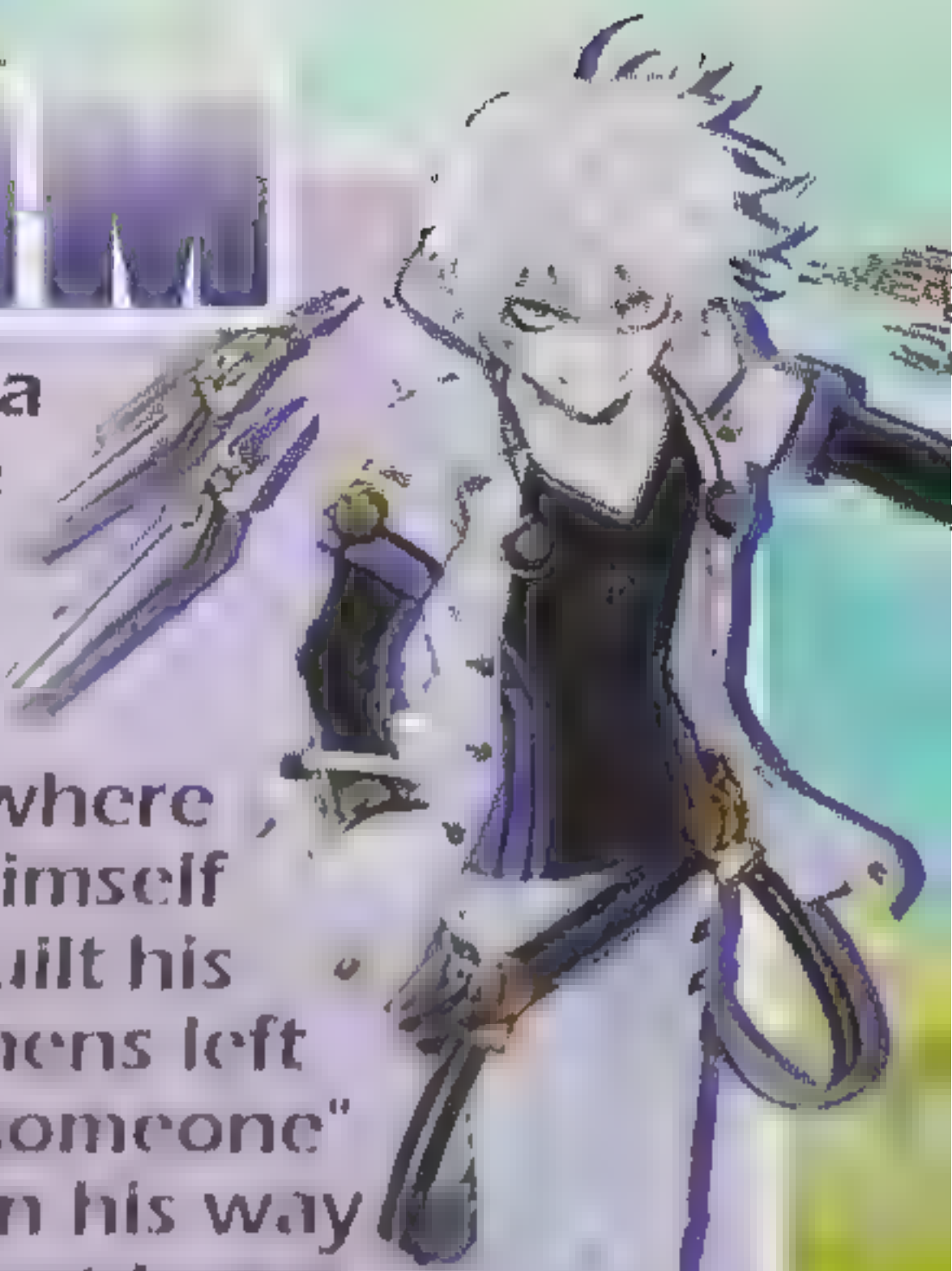


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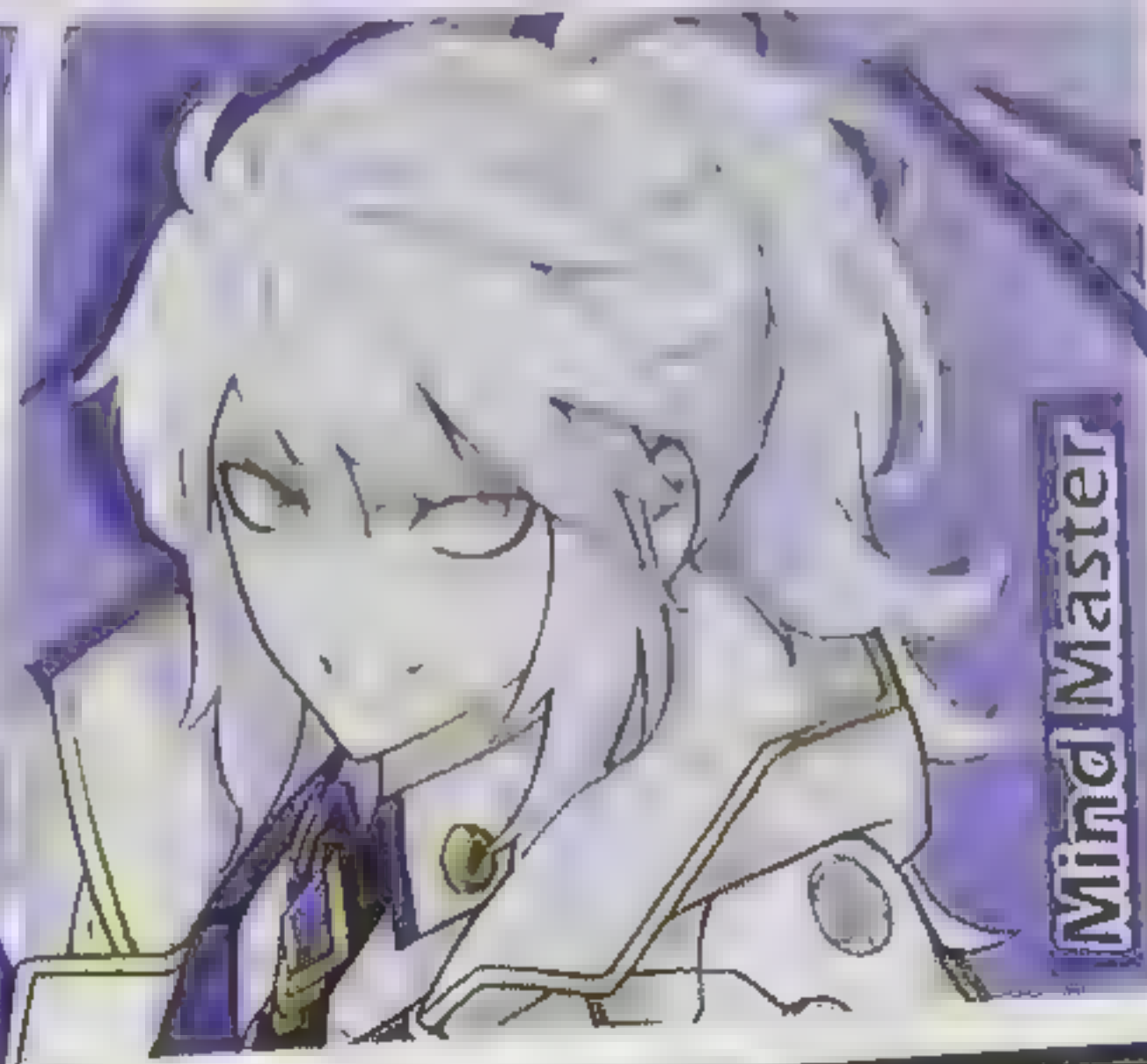
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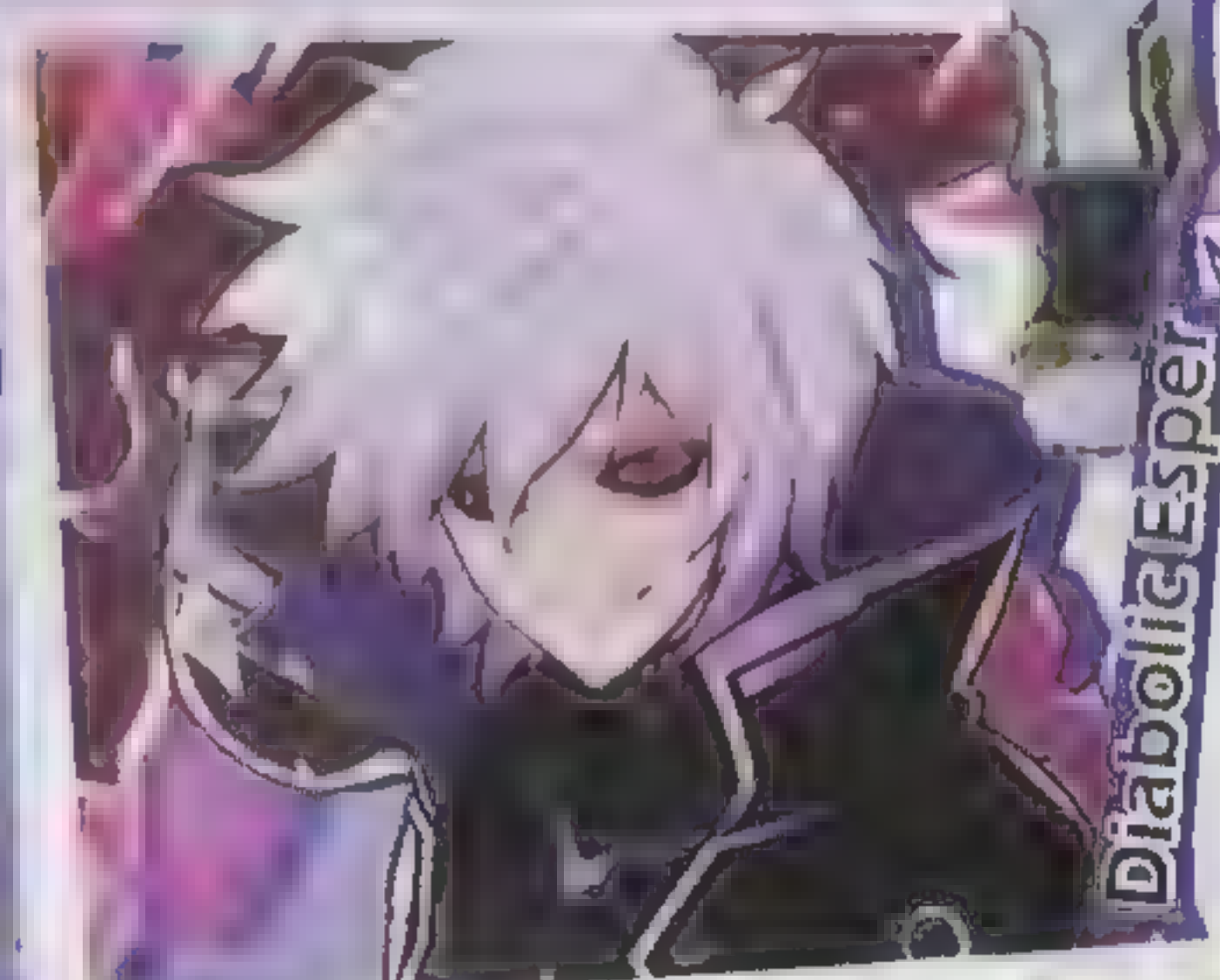
Add was the only survivor of a family that conducted a forbidden research about the ancient Nasods. When their secret was found out, his family was ordered to be exterminated. While he was escaping, Add fell into an abandoned underground library. The place was filled with books about Nasods, where Add spent his years studying and obsessing himself with knowledge about the powerful race. He built his own Nasod dynamos from the wrecked specimens left in the library, and freed himself. He traced "someone" coming from the ancient race and he is now on his way acquiring more power. Add uses his dynamos to blast lasers, fly and electrocute his enemies.



Lunatic Psyker



Mind Master



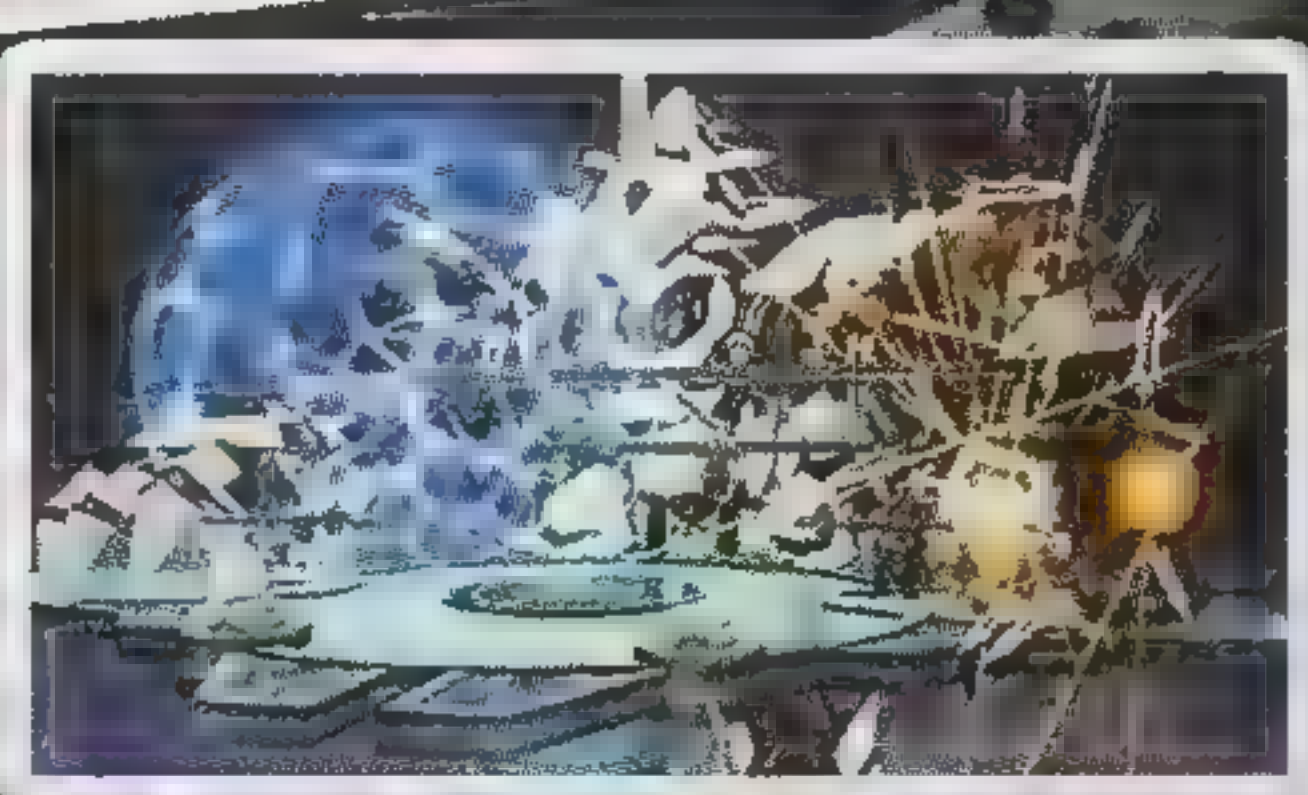
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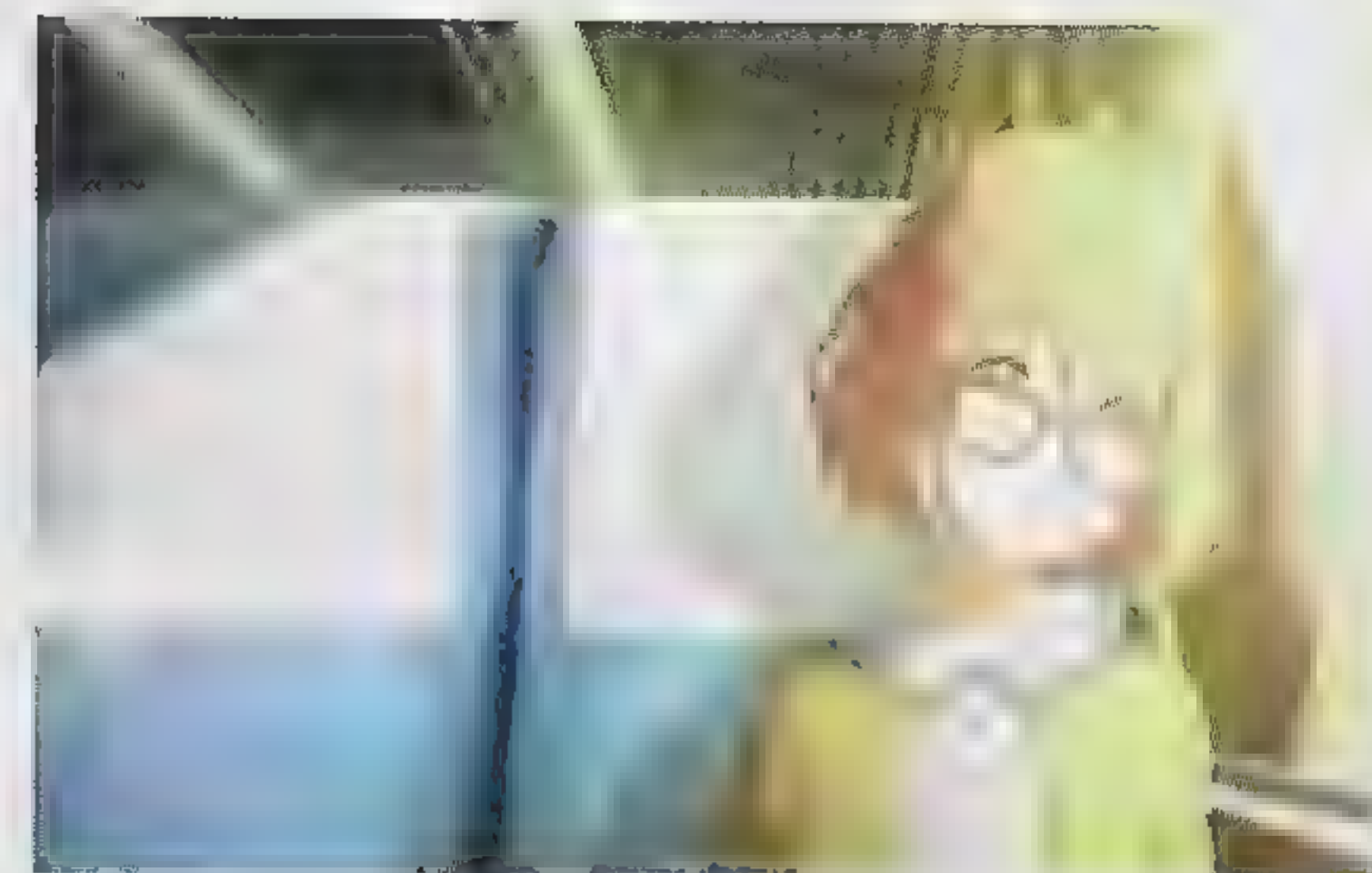
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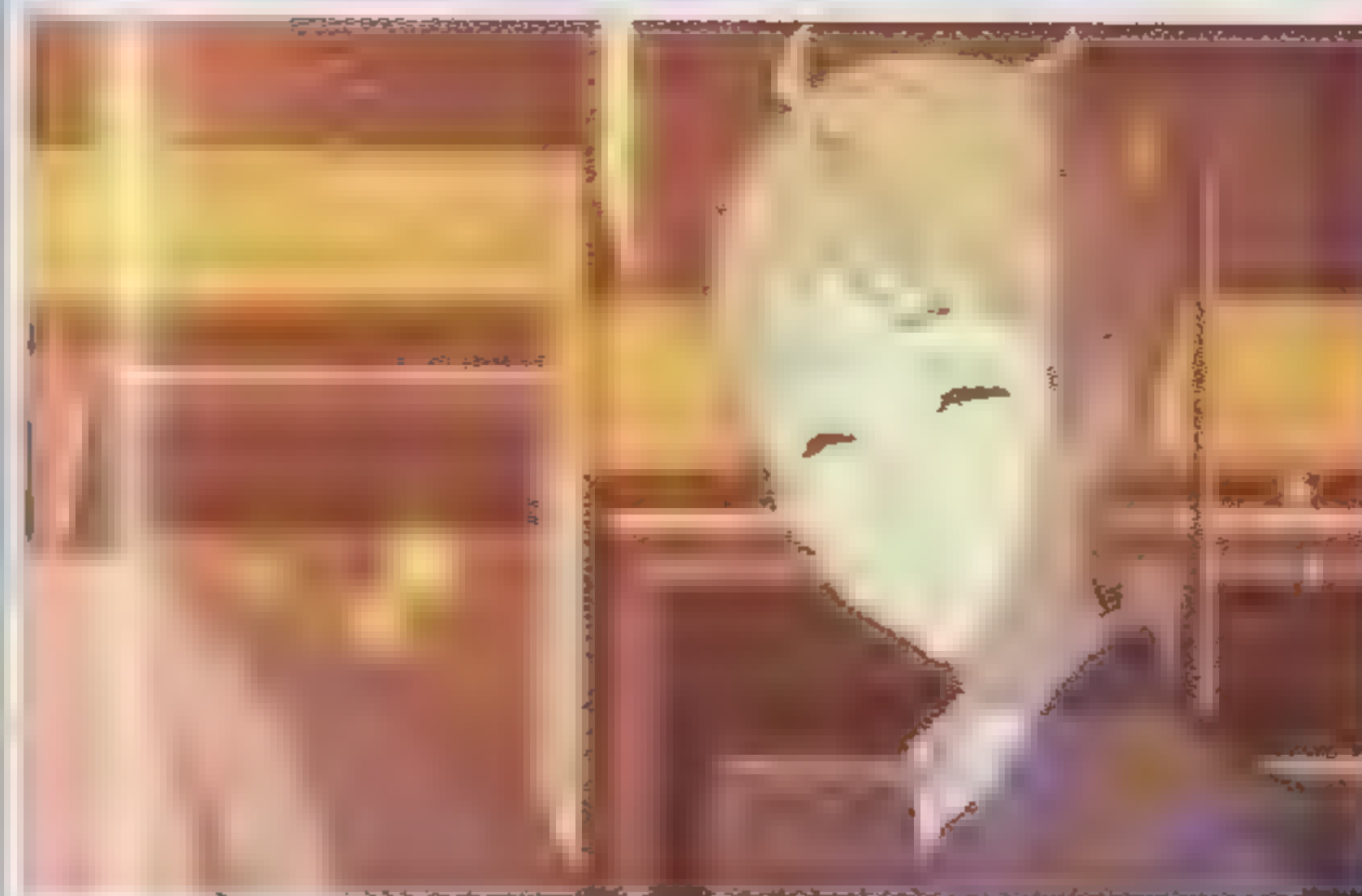
by Yani

Akito Kanbara and Mirai Kuriyama met each other in a very unusual way. Akito was about to go home after school when he saw a girl standing on the railing of the rooftop of their school. This girl was about to commit suicide but he stopped her, telling things on why she shouldn't jump. Her response was stabbing Akito with the use of her sword.

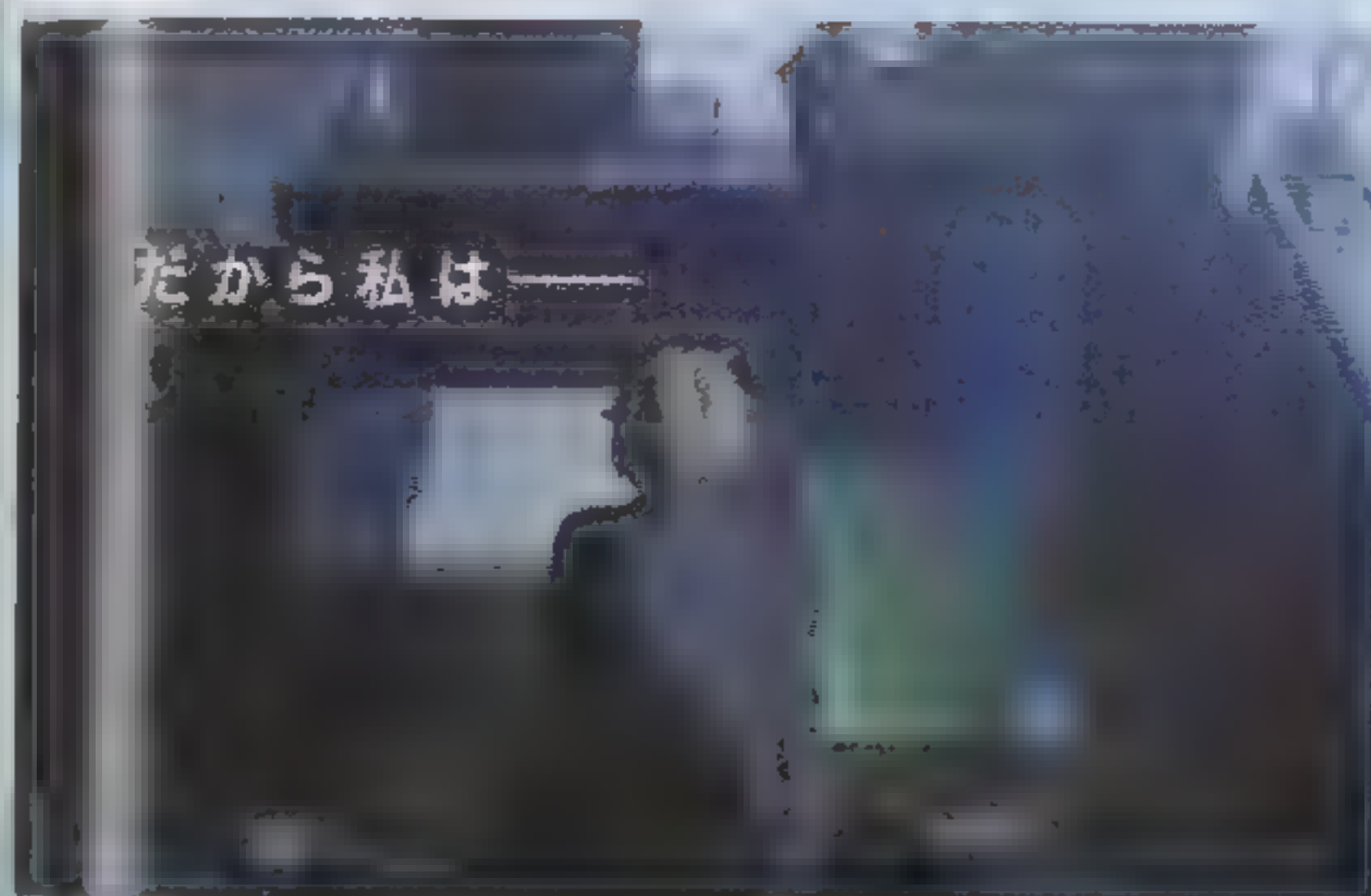
Mirai is a first year student whom originated from the clan of Spirit world warrior which hunts youmu. A youmu is a strange creature than roams throughout the world. They take different forms and even human form. Some of them eat humans that's why the spirit world warriors look for them. Mirai's sword is made from her blood; an ability which is unique among the spirit world.



Akito did not die when Mirai stabbed her due to the fact that he is a half youmu. He also has a great healing ability that can overcome any lethal attacks. This ability was also found useful to Mirai; he can use Akito as target practice in order for her to overcome her fear of killing a youmu due to her unpleasant past about it. Will Mirai be able to overcome that fear?



Kyoukai no Kanata is a light novel and anime series written by Nagomu Torii and directed by Taichi Ishidate. The anime series was aired from October 2 to December 18, 2013. An anime film entitled Kyoukai no Kanata I'll be here will be shown at Japanese cinemas on March 14 and April 25. It will be a two part film. The First part entitled Kyoukai no Kanata I'll be here: Kako-hen will be a detailed retelling of the anime series and while the part 2 entitled Kyoukai no Kanata I'll be here: Mirai-hen will be about the events one year after the anime series.



Kyoukai no Kanata has become popular here in the Philippines where everyone watches and talks about it. Added to that also the cuteness of Mirai and her popular line: 'Fuyukai desu' meaning: how unpleasant. Remember also how the story becomes interesting to watch as the anime progresses to the point that you can't wait for another one week for a new episode to come out. Let's rewatch again Kyoukai no Kanata on its movie version and also the part two~ Let our imagination run wild on what will happen on the second part!



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DARE to SPARE

52-WEEK MONEY CHALLENGE



Saving for the rainy day is a token of wisdom that has been passed on to us through fables and Bible passages. Indeed financial wealth might not be the source of happiness, but it is the source of means for survival. Still, many confess that they are unable to follow through such a principle for reasons such as lack of budget and motivation. But not all hope is lost as the 52-week money challenge is here to aid us all!



In 2013, **Kassondra Perry-Moreland** began a trend that spread on the world wide web because of a common goal that many users shared with her: the desire to save money. When she created a Facebook group, people flooded to join her in her advocacy to challenge people into being faithful to their piggy bank or their savings account.



The challenge is quite simple as you can begin small, even with just a peso. Every week, the amount saved should increase depending on the number of week you are saving for. Let's say that it's already the 2nd week, you should save PhP2, while for the 3rd week, PhP3 should be deposited until you reach the 52nd week. The total? PhP1,378! While this amount doesn't sound that appealing for some, you can take it to another level by using higher increments. If, instead of PhP1, you want to use PhP5, the total can end up as PhP6,890.

To make the challenge even easier to achieve, focus on the goal that you want to attain on your "pay day" which is by the end of the year. It might be a new gadget or even allowance to go to Japan! Whatever it may be, you just need to remember to keep your goals as feasible as possible based on the total that you expect to have by the end of the year.

Savings are as rewarding as they are as challenging. Much similar to being in love, it takes faith and honesty! So, start saving your spare money and watch the 52 weeks make your money grow!



conventions 2014 then and 2015 now

Events are flooding our calendars every year! But before you keep flooding yours with the otaku events for 2015, let's take a look at the way that conventions have been in the Philippines for 2014.

One of the most obvious highlight of 2014 was that there were cosplay conventions everywhere! From **Cosplay Mania** and **World Cosplay Summit Philippines** to **Torch 5 Cosplay** or **Tournament of Champions** and **Pinoy Otaku Festival: Fantasm**. But, not only were there numerous cosplay conventions, cosplayers were basically in every event of 2014 such as In toy and comics conventions.

Another highlight of 2014 is the first **Philippine Kawaii convention, Kawaii in Manila 2**, which welcomed not only otakus but everyone who has a heart for cuteness overload!

Gaming events also keep getting better as **Rampage 2014** proved that gamers and cosplayers unite in their passion for various video games.

Finally, the toys and hobbies collection department did not appear to be the least of the other events as **ToyCon 2014** and **TAGCOM 2014** were flooded with collectors, cosplayers, and hobbyists.

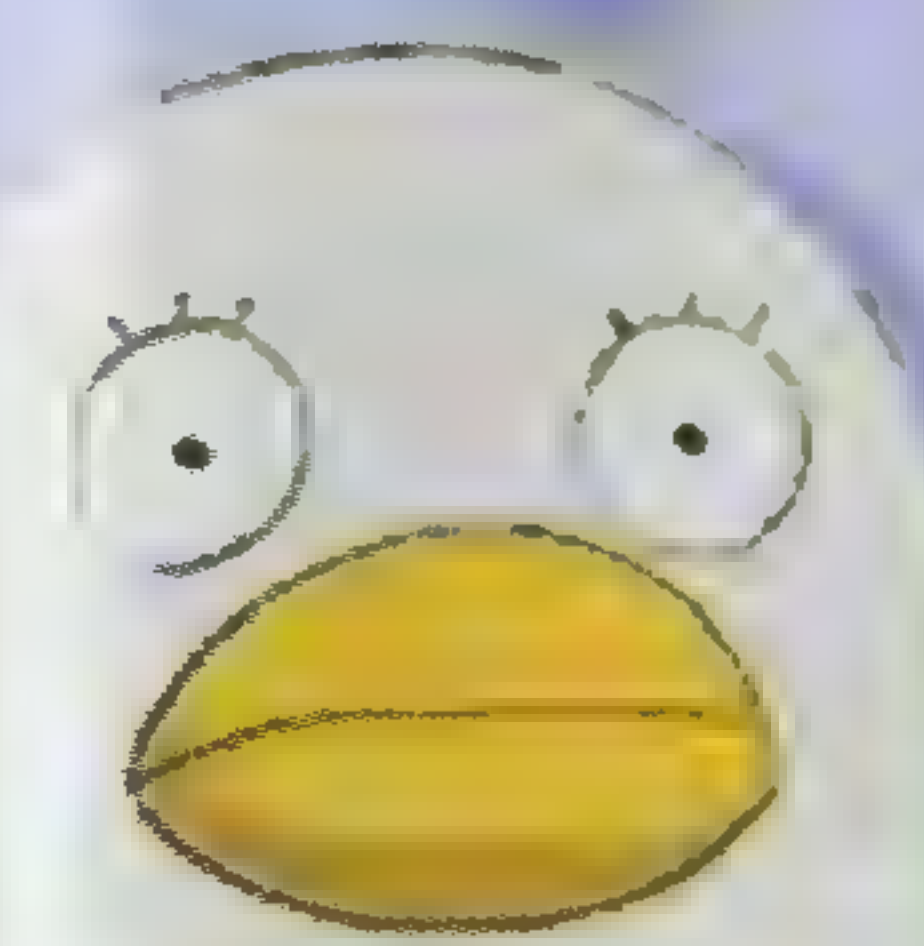
While last year was definitely a blast for a lot of otakus, organizations are not deprived of ideas to attract more fans into the world of animé, cosplay, gaming, and toy collection. So, what's to expect this year? More of everything!

Events are expected to be more fun as well as more organized. Last year, we even featured some notes on the advantages and disadvantages of some venues, and we've seen more events being held in different locations to be more comfortable for everyone. This year, we hope to see more of those organized events with everyone's comfort in mind.

We also look forward to events that will feature more international icons such as **Reika**, **Pinky Lu Xun**, **Tatsumi Inui**, and **Aya Ikeda** who graced **Cosplay Mania 2014**. Who wouldn't want to meet these awesome people again and with new ones, too?

Finally, we also anticipate that you join us at Otaku Asia's first animé convention to feature more animé, more cosplay, and more of the Japanese culture that you love! See you on May 16 at the **SMX Convention** in Pasay!

There goes 2014 in a flash but we'll definitely see more of these events in 2015, and we will keep you guys posted!



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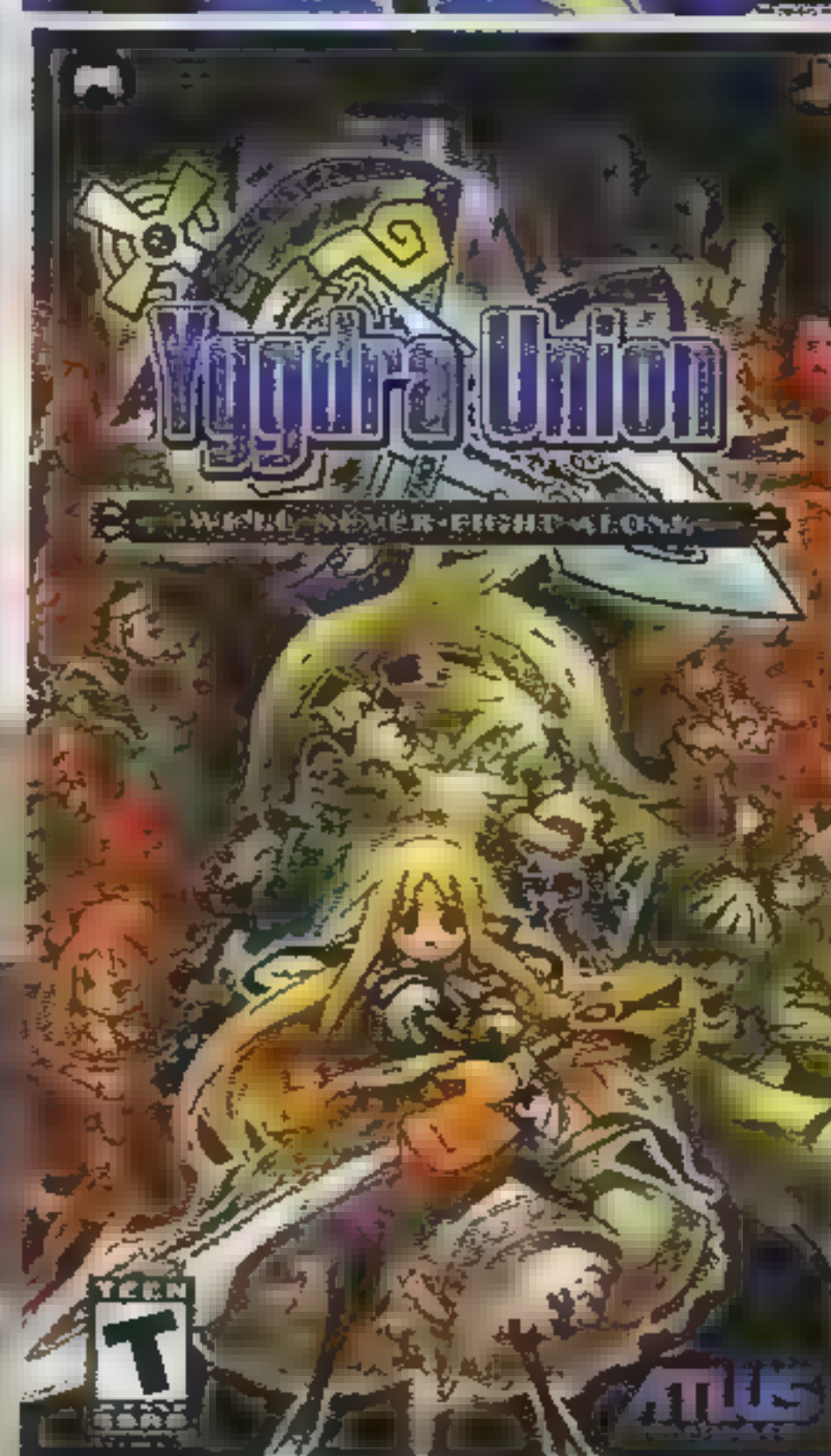
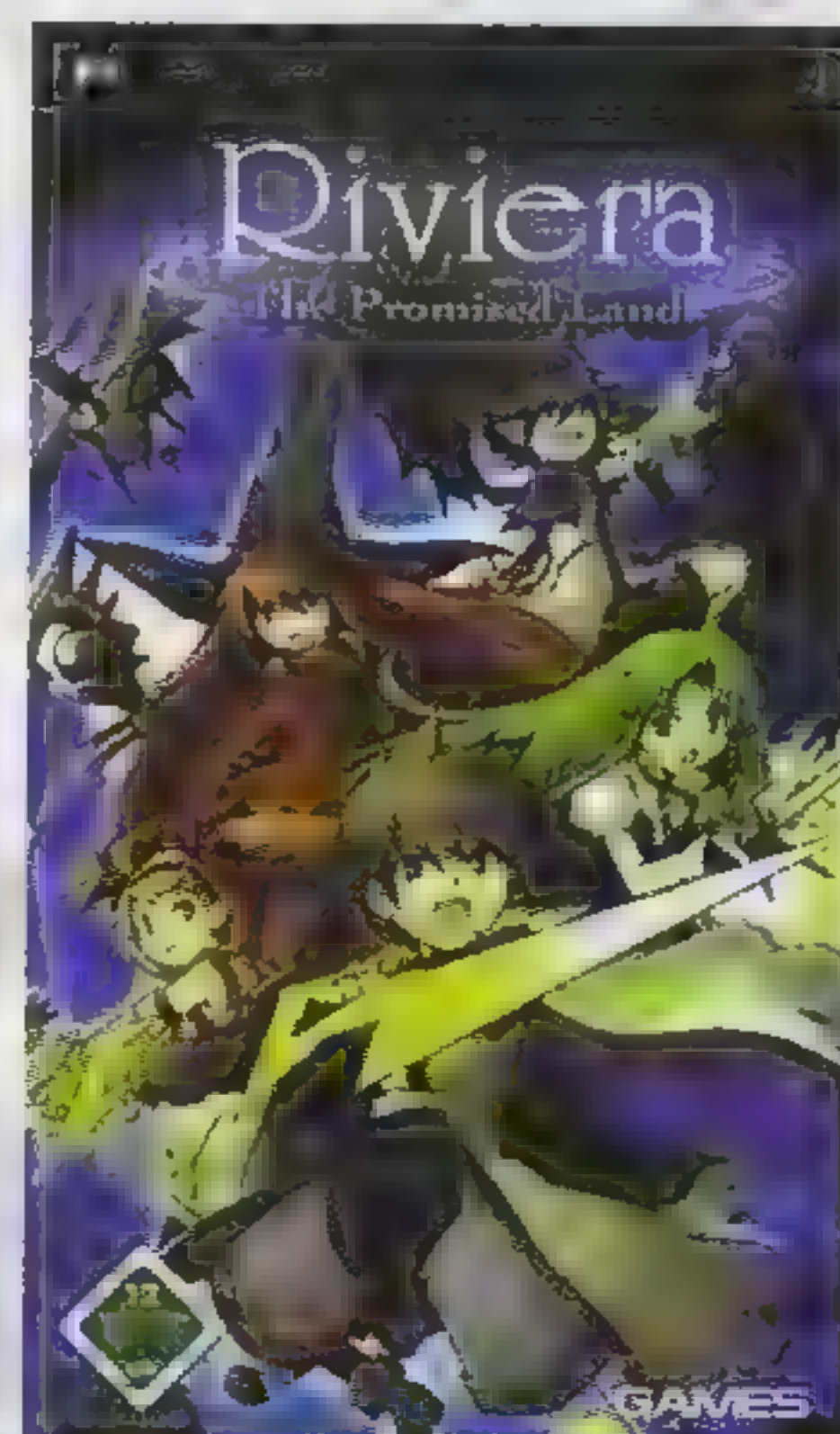
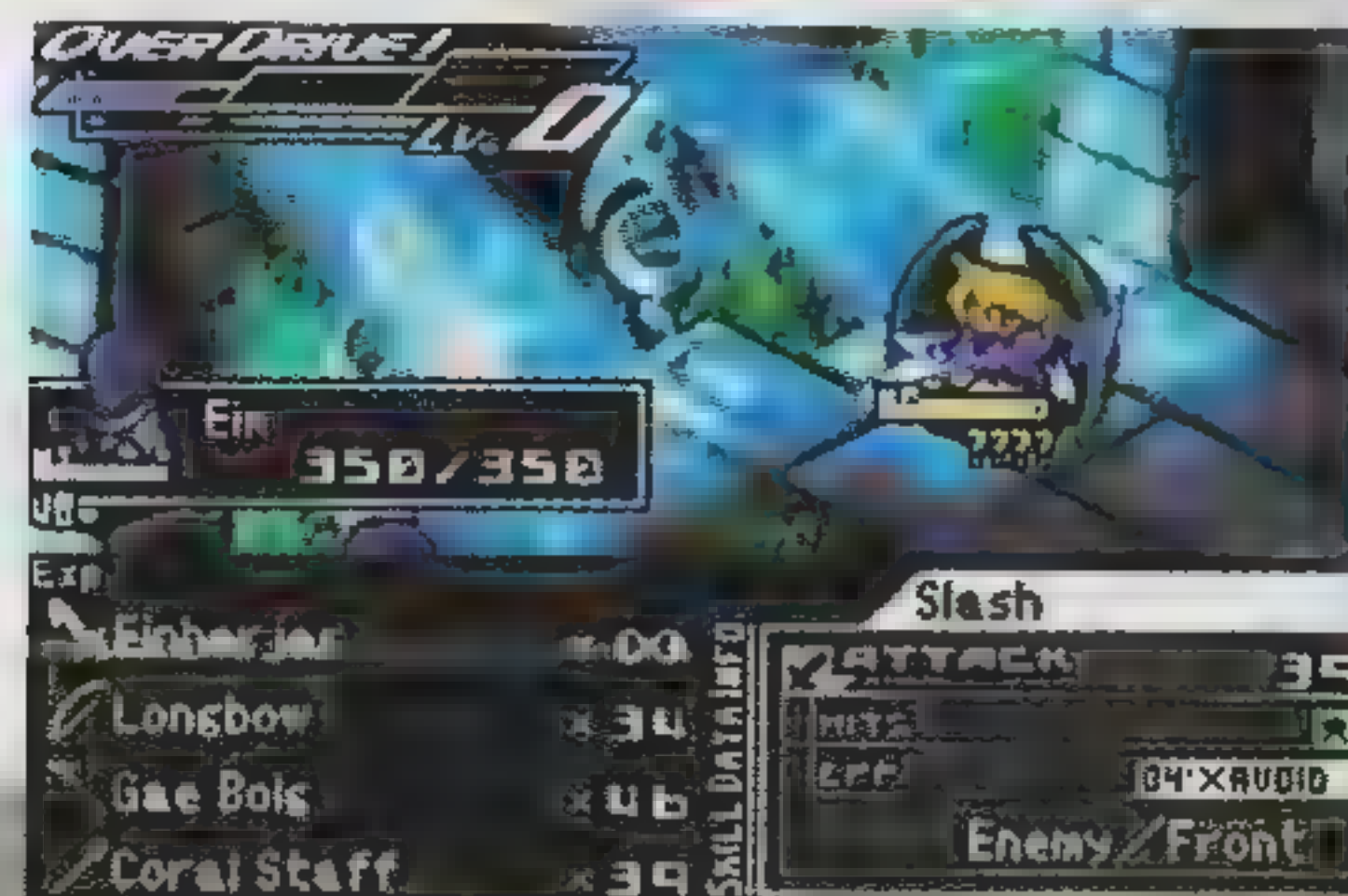
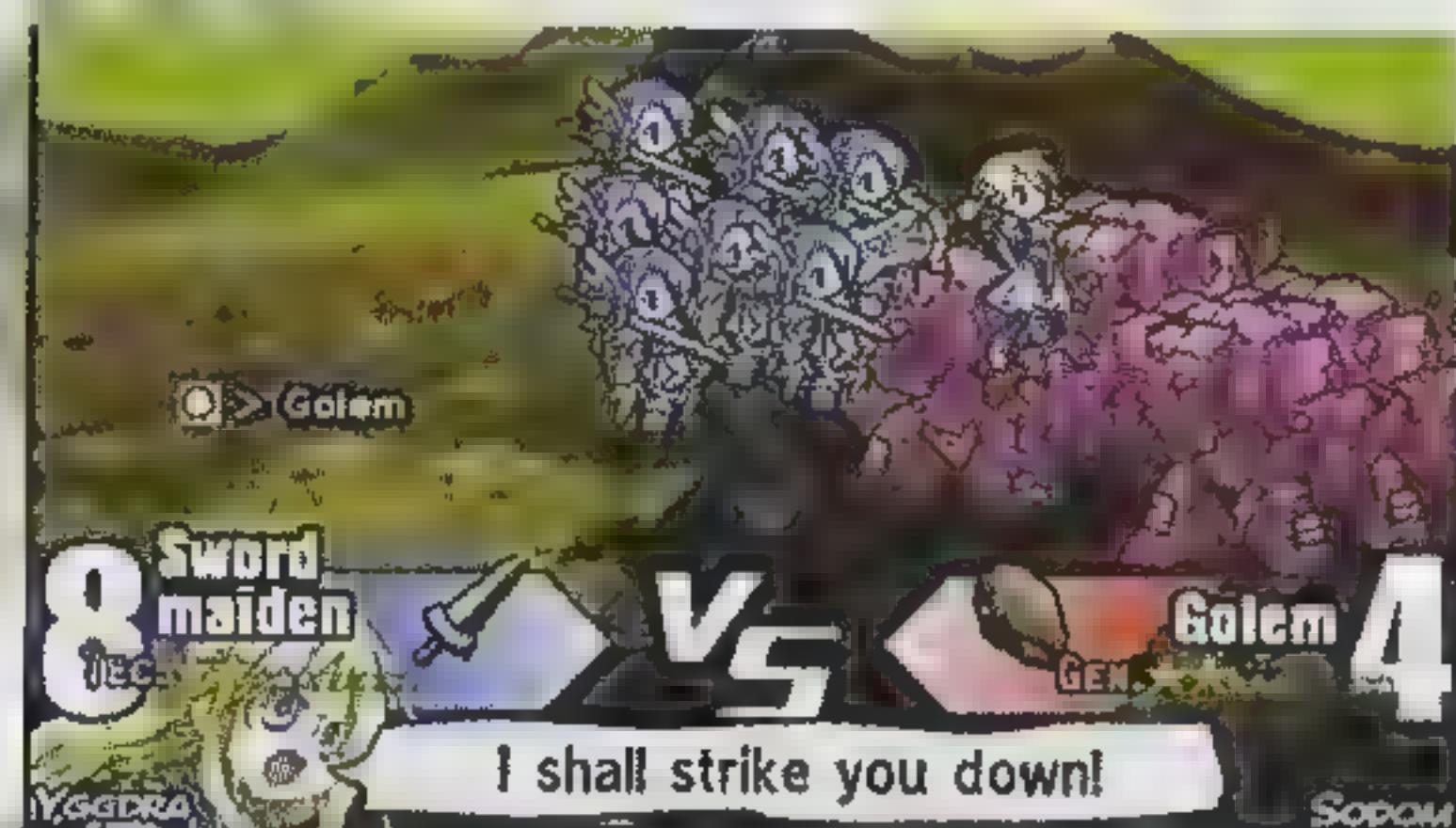
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Created and developed by **Sting**, Dept. Heaven is a series of video games (PSP, GameBoy Advance) that are localized and published by **Atlus**. At present there are five known games (referred to as episodes), with four already released, plus three spin-off games. The first episode, **Riviera**, was released on July 12, 2002, followed by **Yggdra Union: We'll Never Fight Alone**, **Knights in the Nightmare**, and **Gungnir**. **Blaze Union**, **Yggdra Unison** and **Gloria Union** are the three spin-off games that are most closely related to the story of **Yggdra Union**. Dept. Heaven series is known for its unifying art style and out-of-order numbering of the episodes.



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Rental Magica is an ongoing light novel series by **Makoto Sanda**, with illustrations by **Pako**, in **The Sneaker** magazine published by **Kadokawa Shoten**. It is also released as a manga series by the same publishing company but in **Asuka** and **Comp Ace** magazines last August 2006 – August 2009 with five volumes, and May 2007 – April 2008 with two volumes, respectively. An anime series adaptation of 24 episodes animated by **Zexcs** was aired in Japan between October 7, 2007 and March 23, 2008.



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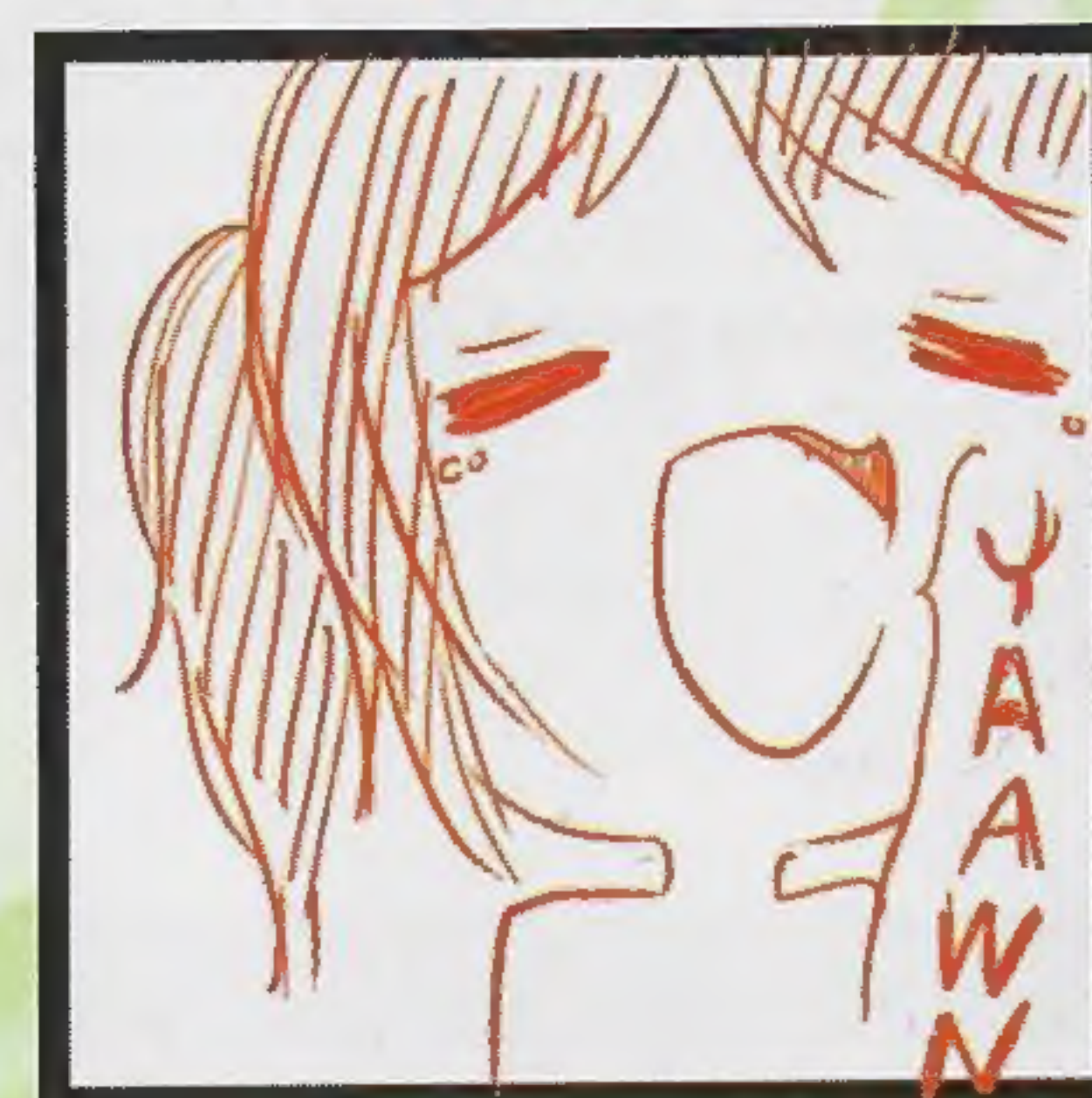
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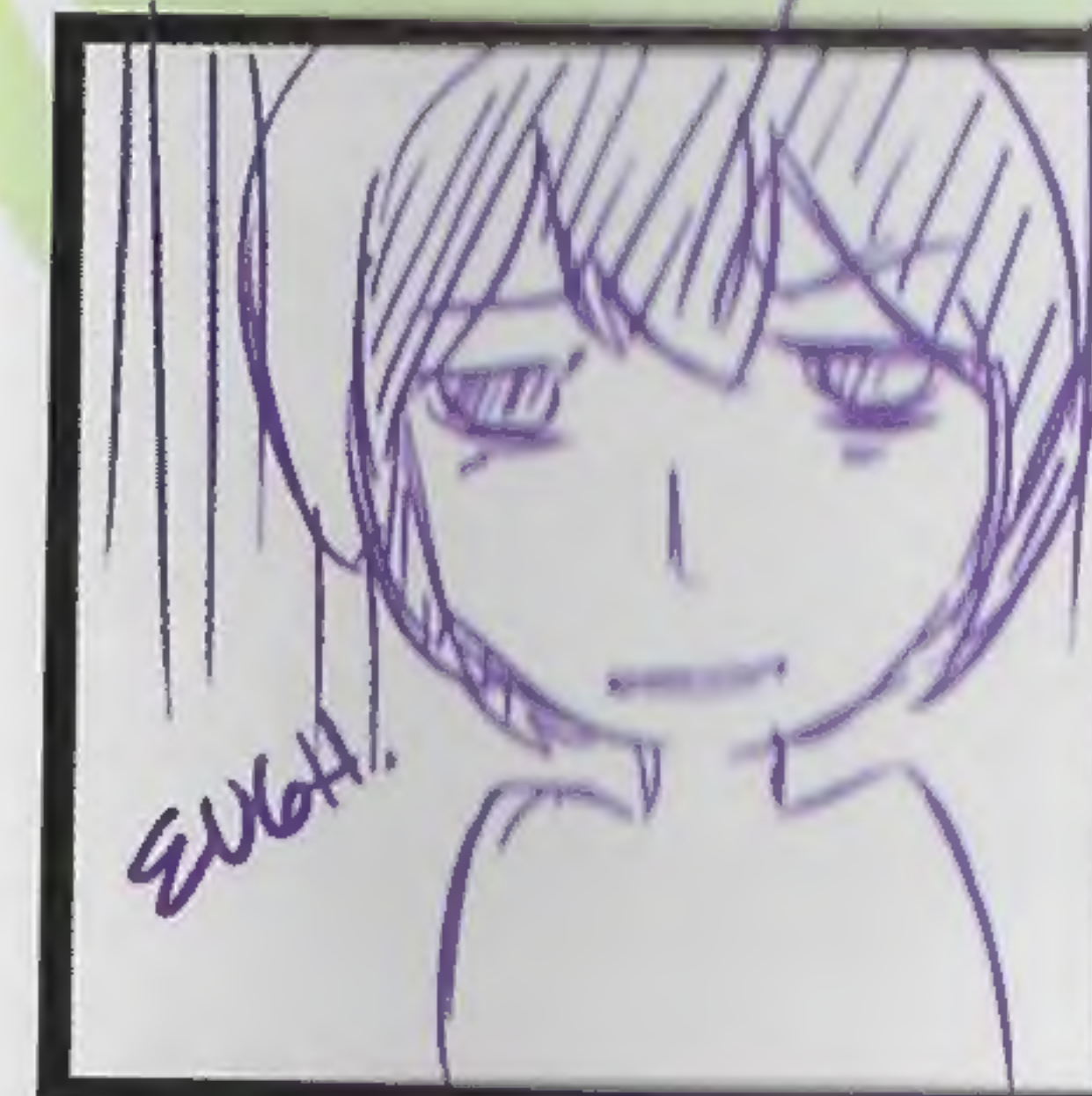
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#THROWBACK

by Yani



Akazukin Cha-Cha!

Akazukin Cha-cha! is the story of the little girl named Chacha who trains to become a magician under Seravy who is known as the world's greatest magician. However, Chacha always mess up with her magic spells, especially with homonyms. One example of this is she was supposed to summon clouds (kumo in Japanese) but she summoned spiders instead (also kumo in Japanese).

She was given three magical items: princess medallion, magical bracelet and ring by Seravy on her first day of school. She must give it to two people whom she considers as best friend. She gave it to Riya, her friend who has incredible strength and has the ability to transform into a wolf and to Shiine, her friend who has great control over magic. She was given this in order to defeat Daimao's minions whom causes havoc by transforming into a magical princess.

Akazukin Chacha is an anime and manga series written by Min Ayahana and directed by Hatsuki Tsuji. The manga ran from 1991-2000 while the anime ran from 1994-1995.

Let's follow Chacha and her friends in their adventures as they fight Daimao's minions from spreading wickedness around the world and also as they discover secrets and revelations about their past.



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